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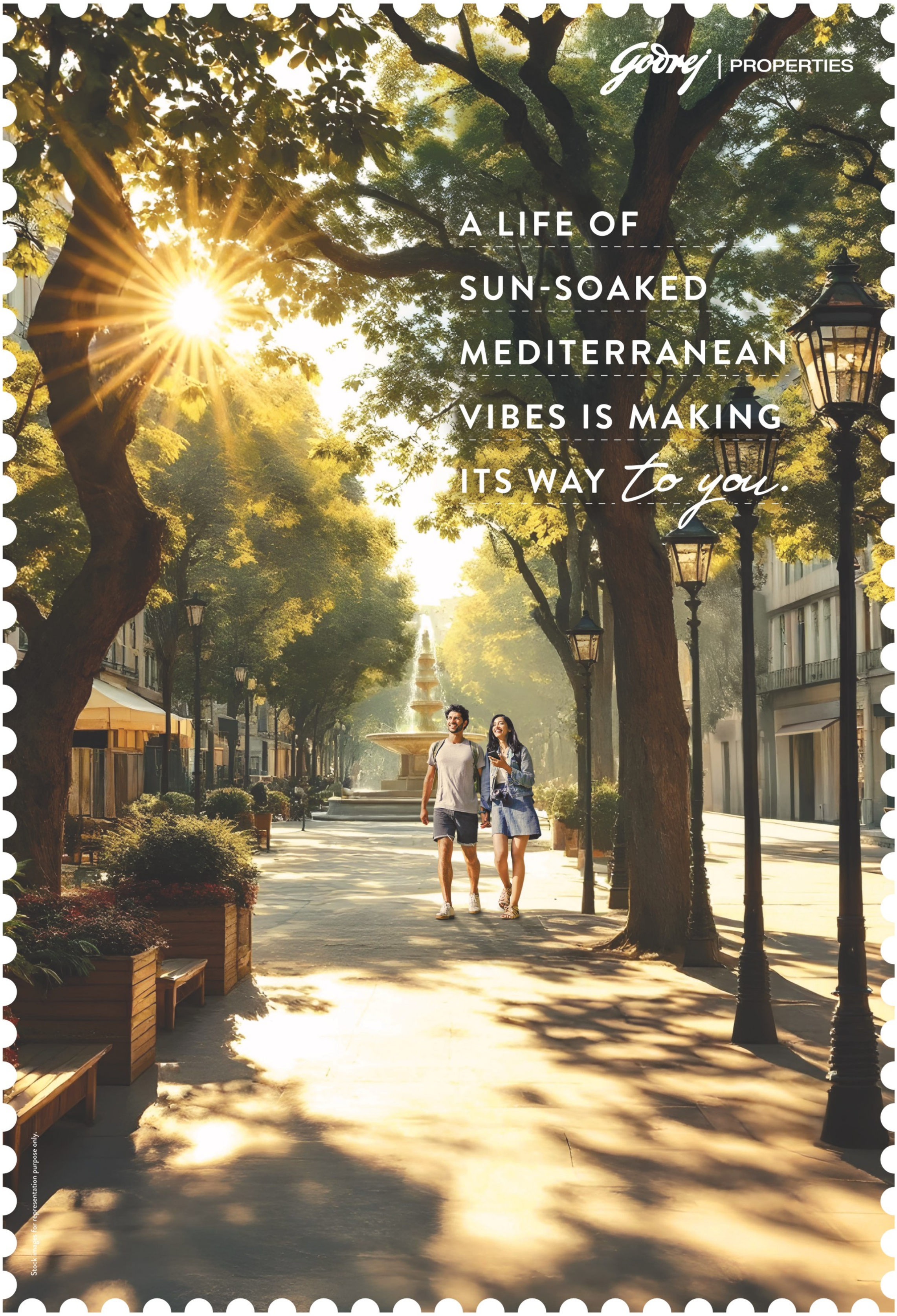

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Misuse of Waqf law led to amendments, Centre informs SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

After the amendment brought in the year 2013, there is a 116% rise in auqaf [assets] area, the govt. said

The Union government has told the Supreme Court that the "shocking" misuse of waqf provisions enabled "rampant encroachments" into private and government properties, leading to a 116% rise in waqf lands between 2013 and 2024, a phenomenal high unmatched even in the Mughal period. This was part of the Centre's response to petitioners challenging the constitutionality of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

"After the amendment brought in the year 2013, there is a 116% rise in auqaf [assets] area. It is submitted that right before even Mughal era, pre-Independence and post-independence eras, the total of waqfs created was 18,29,163.896 acres of land in India. Shockingly after 2013, in just 11 years, the addition of waqf land is 20,92,072.536 acres... The figure of 20 lakh acres is additional and not the total figure. The total comes to 39,21,236.459 acres of land," a preliminary reply, filed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and shared on Friday, said.

On May 5, a Supreme Court Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna is scheduled to hear the petitions, represented by senior advocates Kapil Sibal, A.M. Singhvi, and advocate Anas Tanwir, challenging the statute's constitutionality.

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K. Kasturirangan

Former ISRO Chairman Kasturirangan dies at 84

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Kasturirangan passed away in Bengaluru on Friday. He was 84.

The ISRO, in a statement, said he died at 10.43 a.m. at his residence. His body will be kept at the Raman Research Institute from 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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Tension grips LoC amid crackdown on militants

Army says it effectively responded to small arms firing along the LoC; houses of two persons linked to Pahalgam attack damaged in 'blasts during searches'; Army chief arrives in Srinagar

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Tensions were high along the Line of Control (LoC) on Friday with reports of small arms firing, even as the Army chief arrived in Srinagar for a security review, while security forces stepped up anti-militancy operations in the Kashmir valley.

The houses of two local Lashkar-e-Taiba suspects, believed to be behind the Pahalgam attack, were demolished in blasts, which were carried out during search operations.

The Indian Army reported incidents of small arms firing along the LoC at some places in J&K, including in Kupwara in the Kashmir Valley. "It was effectively responded to by the Army," officials said. No injuries were reported in these incidents. Pakistan suspended all its bilateral agreements with India on Thursday, including a 2003 ceasefire agreement signed in the wake of the Kargil war to establish peace on the LoC, which had resulted in a significant decline in ceasefire violations.

The house of LeT terrorist Asif Sheikh that was damaged in blasts during search operations at Tral in Pulwama. IMRAN NISSAR

The Army said security forces had made contact with terrorists hiding in the Kolnar Ajas in Bandipora. "A contact was established and firefight ensued. The operation is in progress," the Army said. Preliminary reports suggested that one militant was killed in the operation.

However, the reports of the militant's killing have not been confirmed by the Army and the police.

The India-Pakistan border in Jammu was closed for civilians at Octroi Post in Suchetgarh on Friday "as a precautionary measure", and the government hospital in Jammu put all its staff on alert.

Amid the escalating tensions, Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi arrived in Srinagar and held a meeting with J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha.

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NICHOLAS POORAN

JOS BUTTLER

The case of the disappearing ball: how six-hitting has gone into overdrive

Watching a batter clear the fence used to be one of cricket's novel experiences. In this era, however, sixes are coming at an astonishing rate. The IPL has played a prominent part in expediting the game's transformation, but what makes the modern batter such an inevitable smiter of sixes?

Vivek Krishnan

For those of an older vintage who fell in love with cricket and its time-honoured traditions long before T20 became an all-pervasive part of the game, a six was a rare spectacle. An occasional occurrence that retained a tinge of novelty each time.

For the ball to sail into the stands, a batter had to summon a fair degree of physical strength and bring the blade's thicker middle into play. Even as the quality of bats improved and the 50-over game grew in popularity in the 1990s and early 2000s, six-hitting came naturally to just a handful.

The abandoning of inhibition

And then T20 cricket came along, altering the game in many ways on and off the field. Since the advent of the shortest format in England in 2003 and its subsequent blossoming around the globe, the biggest cricketing shift has been the abandoning of inhibition by batters.

They have capitalised on the format's inherent leaning towards them and augmented their six-hitting skills to an extent that couldn't have been envisaged a couple of decades ago. So much so that the emphasis on pushing the game forward has filtered through to the ostensibly sacrosanct five-day version as well.

Here are some numbers to chew over. From 1877 to 1999, the first 123 years of Test cricket, an estimate of the total sixes hit was 4,585 across 1,480 matches. In the next 25 years, there have been 8,293 maximums. In ODI cricket, the first 29 years (1971 to 1999) saw 4,974 sixes over 1,531 matches. Since January 2000, 22,827 sixes have been smashed across 3,332 matches.

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>
> **NICHOLAS POORAN**

In the 3,152 T20Is held since 2005, there have been 28,456 hits beyond the boundary. That is roughly nine sixes per game.

The Indian Premier League, which has embraced adulthood this year, has played a prominent part in expediting the game's transformation. Over 18 seasons of the annual summer extravaganza, the sight of a batter wielding that willow like a sledgehammer has been routine. The current average of 12 sixes per IPL match is only rising.

Nobody has delivered more humongous hits, of course, than Chris Gayle. In 141 innings for three different franchises, the Jamaican, tall, burly and dreadlocked, plundered 357 sixes. That there is no imminent threat to his tally despite his last appearance being in 2021 is proof of his potency. Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and M.S. Dhoni are second, third and fourth on this exalted list.

No ground big enough

Gayle, with his long reach and giant slab of muscle, encountered no ground big enough to contain him. The same could be said about two other West Indians with illustrious IPL careers.

Kieron Pollard was Mumbai Indians' designated destructor in the death overs for 13 straight seasons, bludgeoning 223 sixes in 189 matches with a bat that appeared like a toothpick in front of his thickset frame. For Kolkata Knight Riders, Andre Russell has been just as intimidating, hitting a six every seven balls on average. Even Gayle and Pollard, in fact, didn't enjoy Russell's six-hitting frequency.

"Russell was just born to hit sixes. Big, powerful individual. If I was going to make a T20 player, it would be Dre Russ in his pomp. He can clear the ropes easily," says Englishman Julian Wood, a specialist power-hitting coach who has worked with Punjab Kings.

Leading the charts this year is another West Indian in Nicholas Pooran. The 29-year-old from Trinidad has taken his game to a higher plane for Lucknow Super Giants, blending his six-hitting prowess with newfound consistency at No. 3. His tally of 31 sixes is far superior to his competitors, and he is also in the race to finish as the season's highest run-getter.

Pooran isn't physically imposing. But when he extends his arms and brings that bat down from a high back-lift to make a sound connection, the ball invariably disappears into the sea of spectators. "I just try my best to get in good positions and if it's there, just time the ball nicely," Pooran said. "I've never worked on my bat speed, I'm just blessed with incredible talent."

Casting a keen eye on Pooran's method, Wood explains: "He has great fundamentals. He relies heavily on the rhythm and timing of his movements. When the rhythm and timing is right, it gets you to the right place at the right time. He is so clear in what he does. He knows if the ball is in his slot, it's six."

The likes of Jos Buttler, Glenn Maxwell and Suryakumar Yadav work with similar attributes. In the past, AB de Villiers was another of this ilk, combining malleable wrists, supersonic hands and insane bat speed.

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> **JULIAN WOOD**
> Power-hitting coach

"The big guys can stay still and just muscle it. The smaller guys need to get the rhythm and timing of their movements right. And you can't get too close to the ball. You need space," Wood continues, "I call it clean space, for the hands and bat to come through. If you have too much space, you lose control of the bat. If you have too little space, you get restricted. What these guys are very good at is creating the optimum space that they want. Without it, you cannot accelerate your hands through the ball."

Another dimension

Lending another dimension to the skillset of these players is a 360-degree repertoire. With ramps, scoops and sweeps of the conventional and reverse variety in their locker, for a bowler to stem the flow of runs is to squeeze water from a stone. Even a yorker carries the risk of going all the way because of the inventive shots behind the wicket.

Take the example of Suryakumar. A pick-up shot over fine-leg, often struck with enough velocity to fetch maximum reward, is his signature. "He can score at a strike-rate of 180 without taking many risks. He uses the angles superbly to hit the ball to different places," says Wood.

Then there are touch players, like Ajinkya Rahane and B. Sai Sudharsan, who bank on the ball coming onto the bat and the innate gift of timing. Favourable match-ups are particularly sought by these batters to compensate for certain limitations. And yet, both Rahane and Sudharsan are among the most prolific six-hitters this year with 15 maximums each.

The proliferation of sixes, however, begs the question: can it eventually evoke ennui among the spectators? The query was put to Wood, who makes his living by training batters to belt the ball out of the ground. "People want to see sixes," he responds, before adding, "But they, of course, want to see a fair contest. People want to go and see batters hit sixes. They want to see pacers bowl 150kmph and spinners who can spin it both ways. That is how I see the game."

This IPL season has averaged about 17 sixes per game so far. If hordes of fans are thronging into stadiums in the scorching heat every year and many others are tuning in on their television screens and mobile phones, you would like to believe that a six is still a thrill-inducing spectacle. But let's just say that it isn't rare anymore.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	9,930	15
2	Alexander Zverev	28	8,085	22
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	8,050	20
4	Taylor Fritz	27	5,115	20
5	Novak Djokovic	37	4,120	19
6	Jack Draper	23	3,820	19
7	Alex de Minaur	26	3,585	23
8	Andrey Rublev	27	3,530	28
9	Holger Rune	21	3,480	23
10	Daniil Medvedev	29	3,290	20
11	Lorenzo Musetti	23	3,200	23
12	Tommy Paul	27	3,160	21
13	Ben Shelton	22	3,020	25
14	Arthur Fils	20	2,920	23
15	Casper Ruud	26	2,815	24

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 165 ▲ 6 spots

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 456 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	26	10,768	19
2	Iga Swiatek	23	7,383	16
3	Jessica Pegula	31	6,208	19
4	Coco Gauff	21	6,073	20
5	Madison Keys	30	4,999	19
6	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,930	18
7	Mirra Andreeva	17	4,781	18
8	Qinwen Zheng	22	4,193	19
9	Paula Badosa	27	3,821	21
10	Emma Navarro	23	3,797	26
11	Elena Rybakina	25	3,308	18
12	Karolina Muchova	28	2,919	17
13	Diana Shnaider	21	2,913	28
14	Daria Kasatkina	27	2,741	24
15	Barbora Krejcikova	29	2,674	14

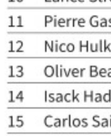
Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 306 ▼ 2 spots

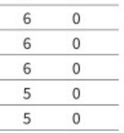
Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 320 ▼ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	99	3
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	89	1
3	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	87	1
4	George Russell	Mercedes	73	0
5	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	47	0
6	Kimi Antonelli	Mercedes	38	0
7	Lewis Hamilton	Ferrari	31	0
8	Alexander Albon	Williams	20	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Haas	14	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	10	0
11	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	6	0
12	Nico Hulkenberg	Sauber	6	0
13	Oliver Bearman	Haas	6	0
14	Isack Hadjar	Racing Bulls	5	0
15	Carlos Sainz	Williams	5	0
16	Yuki Tsunoda	Red Bull	5	0
17	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	0	0
18	Liam Lawson	Racing Bulls	0	0
19	Jack Doohan	Alpine	0	0
20	Gabriel Bortoleto	Sauber	0	0



Oscar Piastri



Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

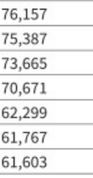
Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	McLaren	188	4
2	Mercedes	111	0
3	Red Bull	89	1
4	Ferrari	78	0
5	Williams	25	0
6	Haas	20	0
7	Aston Martin	10	0
8	RB	8	0
9	Alpine	6	0
10	Kick Sauber	6	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	99,435	13
2	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	89,138	17
3	Anders Antonsen	87,693	19
4	Viktor Axelsen	87,610	13
5	Li Shi Feng	81,656	18
6	Jonatan Christie	81,327	16
7	Chou Tien Chen	76,157	23
8	Kodai Naraoka	75,387	20
9	Lee Zii Jia	73,665	14
10	Alex Lanier	70,671	17
11	Loh Kean Yew	62,299	20
12	Weng Hong Yang	61,767	16
13	Kenta Nishimoto	61,603	22
14	Lu Guang Zu	60,905	19
15	Chia Hao Lee	59,408	22

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 18



H. S. Prannoy
Rank 30

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	1,12,867	11
2	Wang Zhi Yi	98,315	18
3	Han Yue	83,909	19
4	Akane Yamaguchi	79,967	12
5	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	79,082	17
6	Pornpawee Chochuwong	70,778	22
7	Chen Yu Fei	69,882	9
8	Tomoka Miyazaki	68,271	20
9	Supanida Katethong	67,264	15
10	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	62,460	18
11	Putri Kusuma Wardani	61,627	18
12	Yeo Jia Min	61,583	17
13	Ratchanok Intanon	61,413	19
14	Gao Fang Jie	61,050	13
15	Sim Yu Jin	57,780	15

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 18

Malvika Bansod
Rank 22

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	895	932
2	Harry Brook	876	898
3	Kane Williamson	867	919
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	847	854
5	Steve Smith	823	947
6	Temba Bavuma	769	769
7	Kamindu Mendis	761	779
8	Travis Head	748	884
9	Usman Khawaja	739	847
9	Rishabh Pant	739	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	908	908
2	Kagiso Rabada	837	902
3	Pat Cummins	824	914
4	Josh Hazlewood	818	864
5	Nathan Lyon	812	812
6	Noman Ali	806	806
7	Marco Jansen	785	803
8	Matt Henry	782	782
9	Prabath Jayasuriya	751	801
10	Ravindra Jadeja	745	899

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Shubman Gill	784	847
2	Babar Azam	766	898
3	Rohit Sharma	756	882
4	Heinrich Klaasen	744	760
5	Virat Kohli	736	909
6	Daryl Mitchell	720	750
7	Harry Tector	713	767
8	Shreyas Iyer	704	710
9	Charith Asalanka	694	694
10	Ibrahim Zadran	676	693

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Maheesh Theekshana	680	686
2	Kuldeep Yadav	650	761
3	Keshav Maharaj	648	741
4	Bernard Scholtz	644	648
5	Rashid Khan	640	799
6	Mitchell Santner	637	657
7	Gudakesh Motie	632	639
8	Matt Henry	622	691
9	Ravindra Jadeja	616	733
10	Adam Zampa	614	699

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	856	885
2	Abhishek Sharma	829	829
3	Philip Salt	815	881
4	Tilak Varma	804	845
5	Suryakumar Yadav	739	912
6	Jos Buttler	735	756
7	Pathum Nissanka	714	722
8	Tim Seifert	708	708
9	Babar Azam	688	900
10	Kusal Perera	676	786

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jacob Duffy	723	723
2	Akeal Hosein	707	714
3	Varun Chakravarthy	706	706
4	Adil Rashid	705	747
5	Wanindu Hasaranga	700	809
6	Adam Zampa	694	746
7	Ravi Bishnoi	674	707
8	Maheesh Theekshana	666	686
9	Rashid Khan	664	828
10	Arshdeep Singh	653	679

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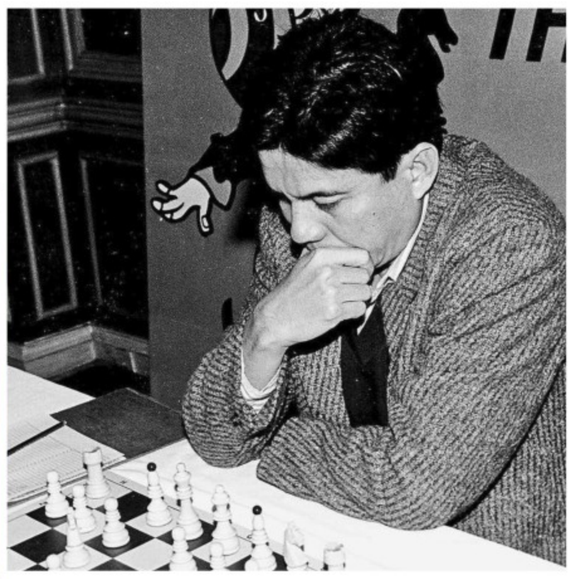
Meet Eugene Torre, the pioneering Asian GM who beat Karpov and befriended Fischer

A trailblazer for chess in the continent, Torre changed perceptions by proving he could compete against the world's best in the 70s and 80s. In this conversation, he talks about feeling homesick in Europe, becoming a fixture for Philippines at the Olympiad, working as Fischer's second, getting the better of World champion Karpov and watching Anand's rise from across the board

INTERVIEW

Eugene Torre

P.K. Ajith Kumar



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P.K. AJITH KUMAR AND THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Viswanathan Anand became Asia's third Grandmaster in 1988. Eugene Torre, the first from the continent to get that most important title for chess players, did it in 1974. He was also the first Asian to play at the Candidates, the qualifying event for the World Championship. He featured in 23 Olympiads for Philippines. He was a friend of the legendary Bobby Fischer, whom he assisted during his 1992 match against Boris Spassky. Excerpts from an interview Torre gave *The Hindu*:

When you were trying to become a GM, Asia was hardly a force in chess. Now, two Asians have contested the World Championship and the Women's World Championship.

I am so happy now that China and India are there on top already. Back in my time, other than getting the Grandmaster title, I was really hoping that chess in Asia would be recognised. We were nowhere near the Soviet Union, the United States or the European countries. The players from those countries would treat us just as easy victims.

But you changed that perception. And Asia finally got a Grandmaster.

Becoming a Grandmaster was more than a dream for me. I was able to do it because my family supported me. And I think it happened with Anand, too, didn't it? I decided, together with my family, that in order to become a Grandmaster, I had to campaign in Europe for one year, because there was no tournament in Asia.

I didn't get even a norm, but the European tour proved a preparation for my Interzonal championship [part of the World Championship qualifier] at Leningrad in 1973; as the Asian champion, I had qualified for it.

At that time it was inconceivable for an Asian player to campaign in Europe for a long time. I was able to talk to a local newspaper, and we agreed that I would send reports of my tournaments and they would pay me $300 a month. During that time, life was very cheap in Madrid, I was able to get a hostel for one dollar a day.

I was homesick, though. I managed to make telephone calls home. But for just three minutes I had to pay $20. I just wanted to hear the voice of my family, you know. That would make me feel less isolated. So I returned without making a norm. But next year I got an invitation, thanks to Florencio Campomanes [who would later become FIDE president], to play at Malaga, where I made my first Grandmaster norm. I had to win my last five games for the norm, though. When I came home, there was a big celebration.

Another highlight of your career was beating Anatoly Karpov during the Marlboro-Loyola Kings Challenge, which you won, in Manila in 1976. You thus finished ahead of the World champion.

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I wasn't expecting to perform well in that tournament. I will never forget that game against Karpov. I had black pieces and I played Sicilian Defence. It was the Richter-Rauzer variation and Karpov played the Qe1 variation. And I was able to look at it before our game.

You then became the first Asian to qualify for the Candidates in 1983. That tournament featured the likes of Garry Kasparov, Vasily Smyslov and Viktor Korchnoi.

Yes, that is one of the achievements close to my heart. I qualified for the Candidates from the 1982 Interzonals held at Toluca, Mexico. But I lost in the quarterfinals to Zoltan Ribli. Then I had again a chance to qualify for the Candidates in 1985, but missed it narrowly, by half-a-point, in fact.

At the Baku Chess Olympiad in 2016, you won bronze on the third board. Not a bad show for a 65-year-old.

My first Olympiad was in 1970 and the only one I missed after that was in 2008, when I was appointed the head coach.

You won individual medals before 2016, too. The silver on the top board in the 1974 Olympiad at Nice must have been special, for you completed your final GM norm.

I played 19 rounds and was unbeaten. I won nine games and drew 10. And there were some strong players I met, such as Viktor Korchnoi, Vlastimil Hort and Lothar Schmid.

You were one of the few chess players to get close to the most influential chess player of all time – Bobby Fischer. You even worked as his second for his unofficial world championship rematch against Boris Spassky in 1992.

I admire Fischer. He was our guest in 1968. He played with some of our top players in the Philippines. And I was just a little boy. I was watching, because he was already my idol. I did not have a chance to meet him then. The next time he was invited, in 1973, I had a small chat with him. He was making the opening moves with our president, Ferdinand Marcos. In 1976, I became closer to him. He was again a guest of Mr. Campomanes, who was then trying to promote a match between Karpov and Fischer outside of FIDE, but it did not materialise. For 20 years, Bobby did not play until 1992. He was a special champion, and he had many demands. Like a special boy, he needed special care.

In the 1972 World title match against Spassky, he made some strange demands, and got the chair changed.

And then he forfeited the second game.

But he still won. What do you think are Fischer's biggest contributions to chess?

He made chess very popular. And the 1972 match was on the front pages of all the international newspapers, and that had never happened with chess. I would even go to IBM, because I knew somebody from IBM, and you could get the moves of the game from Reykjavik right away.

How do you look back at working with Fischer for the 1992 match in Yugoslavia?

We would look at some openings, but he would not play it on that day. He would play it maybe after three weeks. You know the match took three months, over 30 games [Fischer won 10-5]. He called me early in the morning one day because the organiser was already pressing him to finish the match. He had won nine games and needed only one more. The organiser told him he was spending every day something like $20,000, for the hotel and all that.

This was Game 30 and I was surprised when he called and said, 'Come here, come here'. His room was very dark. He had this little pocket chess set and told me he was thinking of the Samisch variation of the King's Indian Defence. And Spassky also played it. Up to move 10. Nb3, the game went exactly according to what we planned.

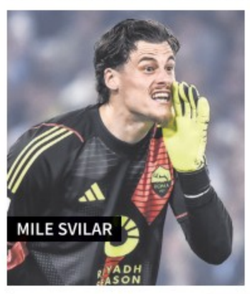
Your memories of playing against Anand, Asia's first World champion?

I played him in 1986 at the Asian team championship. Somehow I played great chess and won, but I saw he was a great talent. He beat me in our next meeting, in Manila. When he became the World champion for the first time, in 2000, I was very happy. It was not just India, but Asia was happy.

GAME THEORY

Top shot-stoppers in Serie A 2024-25

We take a look at how often goalkeepers in Italy's top flight have saved shots on target and kept clean sheets so far this season



Goalkeeper	Club	Games	Shots on target faced	Saves	Save%	Clean sheets	Clean sheet %
Mile Svilar	Roma	33	134	103	79.1	13	39.4
Nicola Leali	Genoa	25	91	69	78.0	10	40.0
Vanja Milinkovic-Savic	Torino	31	146	110	77.4	9	29.0
Filip Stankovic	Venezia	16	83	60	77.1	0	0.0
David de Gea	Fiorentina	29	114	84	75.4	11	37.9
Razvan Sava	Udinese	12	51	37	74.5	4	33.3
Marco Carnesecchi	Atalanta	30	106	79	73.6	12	40.0
Yann Sommer	Inter	30	102	73	73.5	12	40.0
Michele Di Gregorio	Juventus	27	82	55	73.2	12	44.4
Elia Caprile	Cagliari	13	51	36	72.5	3	23.1
Jean Butez	Como	15	58	40	72.4	3	20.0
Alex Meret	Napoli	29	76	52	71.1	12	41.4
Mike Maignan	Milan	32	118	84	70.3	10	31.3
Wladimiro Falcone	Lecce	33	160	107	70.0	7	21.2
Maduka Okoye	Udinese	19	83	56	68.7	3	15.8
Simone Scuffet	Cagliari	13	56	33	67.9	1	7.7
Zion Suzuki	Parma	30	127	83	67.7	5	16.7
Devis Vasquez	Empoli	27	112	73	67.0	6	22.2
Stefano Turati	Monza	29	140	90	65.7	2	6.9
Lukasz Skorupski	Bologna	23	66	41	62.1	7	30.4
Lorenzo Montipo	Hellas Verona	32	147	88	60.5	8	25.0
Ivan Provedel	Lazio	29	92	52	58.7	5	17.2

SOURCE: FBREF.COM | STATS AS ON GAMEWEEK 33 (DON'T INCLUDE MIDWEEK GAMES)

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Extreme cocktail

Zip lining, surfing and BASE jumping offer plenty of excitement, but why try them one at a time?

A wild thought along these lines must have sparked what you see in this photograph.

For, these two thrill seekers hatched a plot to experience all three adventure activities in the expansive canyons in France's Saint-julien-en-Vercors.

Zip lining involves riding a pulley system with a grooved wheel on a suspended cable — the pulley-wheel, propelled by gravity, turns as it travels along the cable. The person at the bottom in this picture is riding a zip line on a contraption attached to a surfboard.

The person on top is surfing the line, instead of a wave, but that is just one part of the caper. What is to follow is a BASE jump off the surfboard for a parachuted, scenic descent down through the canyon. The other person has to be content with merely completing the zip line ride.

The average BASE jump is off fixed objects, such as buildings, cliffs, bridges and even radio masts, but a surfboard atop a zip line makes for a distracting change of pace, no doubt.

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Seminar on linguistic States held

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Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP), Kannada Geleyara Balaga, and Karnataka Vikasa Ranga jointly hosted a seminar titled 'Have Linguistic States Fulfilled Their Purpose?' at the KSP in Chamarajpet on Friday.

Felicitation
The event also marked a felicitation ceremony for R. Prabhushankar, Special Secretary at Raj Bhavan, and his wife Umadevi, celebrating his 60th birthday. Former Rajya Sabha Member L. Hanumanthaiah inaugurated the programme.

Prabhushankar, recognized for his service in governance and contributions to Kannada causes, reflected on his role in the historic Gokak movement and expressed gratitude to his mentors and supporters.

Speakers highlighted the need for equitable recognition of the Kannada language and reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the linguistic and developmental rights of Karnataka.

HC restrains State from mandatory implementation of high-cost smart meters

Court asks whether the decision to make it mandatory has arisen due to the various 'freebies'

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Asking orally how poor people will pay for expensive smart meters for electricity connections, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday restrained the State government and Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (Bescom) from making installation of prepaid smart meters mandatory for all types of permanent electricity connections.

The court noted that the decision of Bescom is contrary to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission's regulation.
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Contrary to regulation
The decision of Bescom is contrary to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission's regulation, which makes smart meters mandatory only for temporary electricity connections and optional for all the new and existing electricity consumers, the court noted.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the interim order on a petition filed by Jayalakshmi M. of Doddaballapur.

The petitioner had moved the court as Bescom insisted that she purchase smart energy meter, by paying around 15 times higher than the price for the static electricity meter, for upgrading power supply to her residence to three-phase from single phase.

Is it due to 'freebies'?
The court also orally asked the government counsel whether the decision to make smart meters mandatory has arisen due to giving various "freebies", after it was pointed out on behalf of the petitioner that the electricity consumers are compelled to purchase exorbitantly priced smart meters even though KERC has not made it mandatory for new and existing electricity consumers.

Senior Advocate Prabhuling K. Navadi, who argued for petitioner along with advocate Abhinay S., also contended that the cost of smart meters in Karnataka ranges from around ₹4,800 to ₹28,000, and due to this, the electricity consumers will have to shell out an additional ₹23,000 to ₹39,000 per connection depending on the types of electricity connections as against the installation of existing static meters.

Mr. Navadgi also pointed out that the cost of smart meters in Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Assam, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh is only ₹900 as against the cost in the range of ₹4,800 to ₹28,000 in Karnataka.

Anti-smuggling Act invoked against Ranya Rao

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The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) has invoked the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities (COFEPOSA) Act, 1974 against actor Ranya Rao, allegedly caught smuggling 14.2 kg of gold at Kempegowda International Airport here on March 3.

Ranya Rao

The actor was allegedly caught smuggling 14.2 kg of gold at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru by the DRI on March 3

Preventive detention
The order issued by Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary, COFEPOSA Wing, CEIB on April 22, 2025, says the law has been invoked against Ranya Rao "with a view to preventing her from smuggling goods, engaging in transporting, concealing and keeping smuggled goods in future." The law provides for preventive detention without bail for one year.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) that arrested Ranya Rao at KIA is the sponsoring agency for invoking COFEPOSA Act, 1974, against her, sources said. This move from the DRI comes when the sessions court has reserved its order on her bail plea.

The case of invoking COFEPOSA Act, 1974, against Ranya Rao will come up before the advisory board of the High Court of Karnataka within the next three months and the board has to approve the same, for Ranya Rao to be detained under the law.

Gold trader's role
During its probe into the case, DRI arrested a gold trader from Ballari, Sahil Sakariya Jain, who was arrested and released in a gold smuggling case earlier, for allegedly aiding and abetting Ranya Rao in not only disposing of the smuggled gold but also sending money through hawala to Dubai to buy gold.

Through him alone, Ranya Rao is alleged to have smuggled 49.6 kg of gold worth ₹40.13 crore. Jain transferred ₹38.39 crore to Dubai, purportedly to import gold to Dubai and ₹1.73 crore to Ranya Rao in Bengaluru, purportedly as her share of profits after selling the smuggled gold, through hawala transactions.

23 trips to Dubai
However, Ranya Rao's links with Jain started in November, 2024. She made 23 trips to Dubai between 2023 and March, 2025. Her other transactions are also being probed.

Cheating case: Aishwarya Gowda remanded in 14-day ED custody

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The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has secured a 14-day custody of Aishwarya Gowda, accused of cheating a Bengaluru-based jeweller of ₹9.82 crore worth of gold, falsely claiming to be the sister of senior Congress leader D.K. Suresh.

Raids
On Thursday, ED not only conducted searches against Ms. Gowda, but also against senior Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni and another Congress leader

Senior Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni is expected to be summoned for questioning in the case

Tibbegowda, whose wife is the complainant against Ms. Gowda. ED arrested Ms. Gowda late Thursday night. She was produced before the Special Court for Economic Offences, Bengaluru on Friday. The court remanded her in 14 days ED custody.

Mr. Kulkarni is also expected to be summoned for questioning in the case.

Bengaluru City Police, who had arrested Ms. Gowda earlier in a cheating case, had recovered a high-end car belonging to Ms. Gowda's husband from Mr. Kulkarni.

She had reportedly gifted him the car and he was using it, sources said.

'Central agencies targeting'
Responding to ED raids on his premises, Mr. Kulkarni, speaking to media persons on Friday, said that the central agencies had been targeting him for years and this had only been the latest instance.

In their probe into the case, Bengaluru City Police had uncovered several other instances of cheating and her bank accounts revealed transactions of over ₹70 crore.

Following this, Assistant Commissioner of Police Bharath Reddy had written to the Income Tax Department and ED alerting them to alleged irregularities.

Based on this report, ED registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in the case.

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REVA University Hosted REVA Vishwa Samvada 2025

Recently REVA University proudly hosted Vishwa Samvada 2025 - India Taiwan Dialogue: Exploring Vistas for Cooperative Agendas, marking a significant milestone in the University's journey toward building global partnerships. Organised in collaboration with the esteemed Prospect Foundation, Taiwan, the event brought together distinguished delegates from India and Taiwan to deliberate on shared priorities and strengthen bilateral relations. In his inaugural address, Dr. P. Shyama Raju, Chancellor of REVA University, said, Vishwa Samvada 2025 serves as a vital platform to develop deeper connections and collaborative opportunities between India and Taiwan. Dr. I-Chung Lai, President, Prospect Foundation, thanked REVA University for hosting a Taiwanese delegation, highlighting the strong India-Taiwan collaboration. He emphasised enduring friendship and mutual potential in geopolitics and geo-economics. Professor M.D. Nalapat, Professor Emeritus, Center of Excellence for Geopolitics and International Studies, in his keynote address, emphasised the India-Taiwan partnership, symbolising synergy in Information Technology, India excelling in software and Taiwan in hardware. The Guest of Honour for the event, Manharsinh Yadav IFS, Director General, India-Taipei Association, spoke about REVA University's potential to play a pivotal role in advancing India-Taiwan relations across key sectors such as technology, semiconductor supply chains, drone technology, and AI startups. On the second day of the event, a series of insightful discussions focused on the various themes. The first session, centred around Economy, Trade, and Supply Chains and the second session will delve into the evolving bilateral relations between India and Taiwan, with an emphasis on people-centric engagement. Through Vishwa Samvada 2025, REVA University reaffirmed its dedication to holistic education, intellectual exchange, and international cooperation, laying the foundation for a more connected and peaceful world.

Cambridge Institute of Technology celebrates the first Cambrian Open House

The Cambridge Institute of Technology (CIT) hosted its first Tech Fest, Cambrian Open House which witnessed students showcasing their multiple initiatives, research endeavours, their diverse talents and entrepreneurial spirit. The day long event was home to 126 stalls put up by students where they displayed their technical and innovative skills, problem solving abilities and entrepreneurial passion. The technical project exhibition featured 108 meticulously crafted projects. While the Research Project stalls had on display some of the innovative research projects of the students, faculty, research scholars including sponsored and consultancy projects from fortune 500 companies. The Startup Stalls had budding entrepreneurs showcasing their early-stage startup projects, a testimony to CIT's firm belief that innovation and creative thinking starts at the college level and having in place a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem to promote this. The open house had the vibrant demonstration of activities of student led clubs like Microsoft, Google, Robotics, IEEE, ISTE and many more. The main attraction was the learning platform provided at CIT to students through Samsung lab activities, Semiconductor design house, Synopsys , Additive manufacturing- 3D Printing and Metallic 3D Printing facility at CIT an opportunity for students at CIT. Adding to this festive spirit was a student-run flea market where students had an avenue to display their creative spirit in arts, crafts and weaves. Gracing the Tech Fest and the vibrant student-led initiatives was Chief Guest, Prof. Dr TG Sitharam, CM of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Also present on the occasion were DK Mohan, CM, CGI, Nithin Mohan, CEO, CIT, Dr. Indumathi, Principal, CIT, Advisor Dr.K N Balasubramanya Murthy along with HODs. Dr Sitharam emphasised the need for students to acquire unique and future relevant skills to contribute effectively to India's transformation into a 'Vikshit Bharat'. Participating in the day long fest were students, parents and a horde of tech enthusiasts, each perusing through the multiple stalls, sharing their thoughts. The Cambrian Open House thus served as a fertile ground for displaying, exchanging of ideas, exploring newer concepts and possibilities in the tech arena, leaving the participants feeling enriched at the end of the day long interaction and exhibition.

Dr. M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Lecture Commemorates Visionary Leader's 103rd Birth Anniversary

The 103rd birth anniversary of the visionary educationist and philanthropist Dr. M.S. Ramaiah was marked by the prestigious Dr. M.S. Ramaiah Memorial Lecture held at the Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT), Bengaluru. The event brought together eminent dignitaries, academicians, and members of the Gokula Education Foundation (GEF) to pay homage to the legendary founder and to reflect on his enduring legacy in the field of education and nation-building. This year's memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space, and CM, ISRO. In a thought-provoking address titled "Indian Space Program - Pride of the Nation: Past Success, Present Efforts and Future Endeavours," Dr. Narayanan offered deep insights into India's remarkable journey in space exploration. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. N.V.R. Naidu, Principal, Ramaiah Institute of Technology. Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Hon'ble Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation (Medical) and Chancellor, RUAS, addressed the gathering and reflected on the tremendous progress India has made since independence. Dr. M.R. Seetharam, Hon'ble CM, Gokula Education Foundation, MLC and Former Minister, delivered the presidential address. He spoke with pride about the Ramaiah Group of Institutions' sustained commitment to academic and social excellence. The event was further graced by GEF Trustees, including Sri M.R. Janakiram, Sri M.R. Anandaram, Sri M.R. Sampangiramaiah, and Sri M.R. Kodandaram, whose presence marked a collective tribute to the enduring legacy of the founder. The lecture and the day's proceedings served as a powerful reminder of the founder's mission to empower generations through knowledge, discipline, and innovation. Dr. M.S. Ramaiah's dream of a self-reliant, educated, and forward-looking India continues to thrive through the initiatives and institutions he established. The event concluded with a note of gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, faculty, and students who joined in commemorating the legacy of a man whose vision transformed the educational landscape of the nation.

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My client proposes to purchase the Transferable Development Rights, (DRC), which is more fully described in Schedule -D-hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule-D- Property from **Sri.Krishnaraj.S.P., son of Sri.S.PSriram** aged about 45 years, residing at No.986/21-1, 10th Main, 2nd Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bengaluru- 560 050.

Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase of the Schedule –D-Property, may lodge their claim/s, objection/s, with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within **Ten(10) days** from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule-D- Property as if there are no claims/ objections.

Schedule 'A' Property ; (Description of entire Property)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.1, Old Site No.30, Katha bearing No.1, PID No.48-45-1, measuring towards East 109 Feet, towards West 75 Feet 3 Inches, towards North 70 Feet 3 Inches, and towards South 60 Feet, totally measuring 6003 Sq.ft, situated at 1st Cross, Srinivasa Colony, (Monkey Thopu), Bengaluru- 560 027, together with 5 Sq.ft red oxide building constructed thereon and is bounded on the: **East by:**Petrol Bunk; **West by:**1st Cross Road; **North by** :Road; **South by:** Private Property.

Schedule - B-Property : (Description of the property relinquished to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru)

All that piece and parcel of the property relinquished in favour of the Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), measuring 161.22 square meters of land area, forming part of the Schedule 'A' Property, PID No.48-45-1, situated at No.1, (CTS No.577), Municipal No.1, Ward No.118, Sudhamanagara, Srinivasa Colony, Bengaluru- 560 027, having E-PID No.2103210907, issued by the BBMP, vide document No.1988070 and is bounded on the: **East by:** Petrol Bunk; **West by:** 1st Cross Road ; **North by:** Mission Road; **South by:** Remaining Portion of PID No.48-45-1.

Schedule - 'C' - (Description of the Transferable Developmental Rights granted to the Transferor)

322.44 square meters of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) bearing No.130, dated 07.10.2024, Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR cell/DRC/130/2024-25 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, equivalent to 2 times of the area of the Schedule 'B' Property relinquished/surrendered.

Schedule - 'D' (Description of the Transferable Developmental Rights Proposed to be Purchased)

186.44 Sq.meters of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) out of 322.44 square meters, of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) bearing No.130, dated 07.10.2024, Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR cell/DRC/130/2024-25 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, equivalent to 2 times of the area of the Schedule 'B' Property relinquished/surrendered (E-PID No.2103210907, issued by the BBMP, vide document No.1988070).

Y.S.H.Reddy, Advocate
No.503, 1st Floor, Sai Leela Suites, 1st Main, 7th Cross, H.M.T.Layout, Parallel to 80 Feet Road, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 032. Mobile: 98863 78570.

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 25.04.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the Transferable Development Rights, (DRC), which is more fully described in Schedule –D-hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule-D- Property from **Sri.Krishnaraj.S.P., son of Sri.S.PSriram** aged about 45 years, residing at No.986/21-1, 10th Main, 2nd Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bengaluru- 560 050.

Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase of the Schedule-D-Property, may lodge their claim/s, objection/s, with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within **Ten (10) days** from the date of this publication. Any claims/ objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule-D- Property as if there are no claims/ objections.

Schedule 'A' Property; (Description of entire Property)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.1, Old Site No.30, Katha bearing No.1, PID No.48-45-1, measuring towards East 109 Feet, towards West 75 Feet 3 Inches, towards North 70 Feet 3 Inches, and towards South 60 Feet, totally measuring 6003 Sq.ft, situated at 1st Cross, Srinivasa Colony, (Monkey Thopu), Bengaluru- 560 027, together with 5 Sq.ft red oxide building constructed thereon and is bounded on the: **East by:** Petrol Bunk; **West by:**1st Cross Road; **North by:** Road; **South by:** Private Property.

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All that piece and parcel of the property relinquished in favour of the Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), measuring 161.22 square meters of land area, forming part of the Schedule 'A' Property, PID No.48-45-1, situated at No.1, (CTS No.577), Municipal No.1, Ward No.118, Sudhamanagara, Srinivasa Colony, Bengaluru- 560 027, having E-PID No.2103210907, issued by the BBMP, vide document No.1988070 and is bounded on the: **East by :** Petrol Bunk; **West by:**1st Cross Road; **North by:** Mission Road; **South by :** Remaining Portion of PID No.48-45-1.

Schedule - 'C'; (Description of the Transferable Developmental Rights granted to the Transferor)

322.44 square meters of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) bearing No.130, dated 07.10.2024, Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR cell/DRC/130/2024-25 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, equivalent to 2 times of the area of the Schedule 'B' Property relinquished / surrendered.

Schedule - 'D' (Description of the Transferable Developmental Rights Proposed to be Purchased)

136 Sq.meters of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) out of 322.44 square meters, of Transferable Development Rights Certificate (Development Right Certificate) bearing No.130, dated 07.10.2024, Ledger Folio No. BDA/TDR cell/DRC/130/2024-25 issued by the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, equivalent to 2 times of the area of the Schedule 'B' Property relinquished/surrendered, (E-PID No.2103210907, issued by the BBMP, vide document No.1988070).

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Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 25.04.2025

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಹಾಗೂ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಕೆಲವು ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳು ಸೇರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 4043 ಎಕರೆ 27 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಲು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡಿಎ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976ರ ಕಲಂ.19(1)ರಂತೆ ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ ಚಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 49 ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ವಿರಾಬು ಜಮೀನಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಸಿಯಂತೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 35 ಎಕರೆ 10 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಪೈಕಿ 31–00 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಚಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.57ರಲ್ಲಿ 4 ಎಕರೆ 02 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ರಚನೆಗಾಗಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಸ್ತಾಂತರಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಕ್ಷೆ ಮತ್ತು ವರದಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಭೂಮಾಪಕರು, ಗ್ರಾಮ ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ರಾಜಸ್ವನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಭೂಮಾಪಕರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಇವರುಗಳ ಸದರಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, **ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಚಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.49 ಮತ್ತು 57ರ ಜಮೀನಿನ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುದಾರಿಕೆಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಂದಾಯ ದಾಖಲೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದು ಸರ್ವೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಹಕರಿಸಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯಂತೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.**

ಹಾಗೂ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.49 ಮತ್ತು 57ರ ಚಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಖಾತೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸದರಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಜ್ಞಾಪನ ಪತ್ರ, ನಕ್ಷೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೆ ಕಂದಾಯ ದಾಖಲೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಸರ್ವೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಲು ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಪತ್ರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಪತ್ರ ತಲುಪದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನೇ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆ ಪತ್ರವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

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This is to inform the general public that, my client intent to purchase/enter into Agreement sale/Sale Deed, in respect of the schedule property with the present owner P. Gopal aged about 64 years, S/o G.V. Phanishayana. Residing at No. 14, Aijimane, Muniramaiah Building, 3rd main road, Lakshmaiah Block, Ganganagar, H.G.H. Layout, Bengaluru 560 032. Any person/s, financial institution, banks, having or claiming any manner or right title, lien or interest in respect to the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within 7 days from the date of this publications. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claim right title & interest by anybody & my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property Vacant Site Municipal No. 5, PID No. 98-112-5, E-PID No. 9855097787, situated at 1st 'A' Main, Lakshmidevamma Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No. 98, New Ward No. 34, earlier Old M/L No. 20/2, later 20/2-5 Site No. 14, formed in Sy. No. 19, of Gangenahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Measuring East to West: 30 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet, in total 1200 Sq. Feet and bounded on:

East By : Site No. 13 (old no. 8)
West By : Site No. 15 (previously road)
North By : Site No. 8 (old no. 15)
South By : Road

H.A. Amarnath
Advocate,
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Bengaluru - 560 032
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase all that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing E-Khata No.38/48, Property No.150300201620372, converted Sy.No.46/2 measuring 1 Acre or 4046.82 Sq.mtrs, situated at Chikkannahosahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District converted from agricultural to non-agricultural Bricks Factory (Industrial) vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (D)SR305/2007-08, dated 26.11.2008, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District bounded on; East by: Own Land; West by: Property belonging to Sri.Thammanna; North by: Own Land; South by:Land bearing Sy. No. 46/3 and Sy.No. 46/5.

from its owner, Sri.D.PILLAPPA son of late. Sri. MUNIHANUMAPPA.

Persons having any right title, interest, share or claims over the said property may lodge their objections / claims with documentary evidence WITHIN 7DAYS from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

Sd/- K. V. Narendra
& Associates, Advocates
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main, 1st Stage,
Indiranagar, Bangalore -560 038.
Ph: 99451 09229
Dated: 23.04.2025 Place: Bangalore

Justice John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry

Commission to inquire into the circumstances and events leading to the death of Covid-19 patients in the District Hospital, Chamarajanagar on 03/05/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

By Notification dated 25/08/2023, bearing No.HD 99 PCE 2023, a **Commission of Inquiry** was appointed by the State of Karnataka under Sec 3(1) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1952, to enquire into the illegalities/malpractices noted in the Report submitted by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) 2020/2021 regarding the procurement, distribution of medicine, medical equipment and the materials, and management of oxygen etc. by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Medical Education and other Departments under the Government of Karnataka and all Institutions working under the above Departments, during Covid-19 pandemic i.e. between March-2020 and December-2022.

By a subsequent Notification dated 26/12/2024, additional inquiry is entrusted to the above Commission to inquire into the circumstances and events leading to the death of Covid-19 patients in the District Hospital, Chamarajanagar on 03/05/2021 and to determine the culpability of the Officers/Officials involved in the management of oxygen supply.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that all persons having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to the subject inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Inquiry Commission, or who wish to assist the Inquiry Commissioner, may submit their statements along with documentary evidence in two(2) copies each duly supported by affidavit to the address given below **within thirty(30) days from date of publication** of this notice either in person or through registered post or courier service.

The scanned signed statement of facts and supporting documents and affidavit be sent to the email id: cdinqcom@gmail.com.

Address: **Justice John Michael Cunha Commission of Inquiry, Room No.8, 1st Floor, Old Building, Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560001.**

Inquiry Commissioner
Justice John Michael Cunha
Former Judge,
High Court of Karnataka

Bengaluru
Date: 17.04.2025

भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान कोट्टयम
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY KOTTAYAM
(An Institution under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, governed by an Act of Parliament)
Regd Office: Karoor, Valavoor P.O, Pala, Kottayam (Dt), Kerala - 686635

Admissions for the Ph.D. Programme

(Self-Financing/Sponsored/Scholarship Holder/ External Registrants) beginning August 2025

Indian Institute of Information Technology Kottayam invites applications for admission of **Ph.D. Programmes** commencing from **August 2025.**

Subjects: Computer Science and Engineering/Electronics and Communication Engineering/Computational Mathematics.

Eligibility for Ph.D. Admission:

(a) Master's degree in Computer Science and Engineering/Information Technology/Computer Science/Computer Applications/Electronics and Communication Engineering/Electrical and Electronics Engineering/ Mathematics or equivalent area with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of either 6.5 on a 10-point scale or 60% of marks in appropriate branches.

(b) Four-year Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering/ Information Technology/Electronics and Communication Engineering/ Electrical and Electronics Engineering or equivalent in a relevant area from any IITs/NITs/IIITs/ Other Institutions of National Importance with a minimum CGPA of either 8.0 in a 10 point scale or 75% of marks. Such students will be awarded both MS and Ph.D. degrees on completion of Ph.D. Programme without any exit option during the programme.

Only online applications are accepted. Online application forms and detailed instructions are available at https://phd.iiitkottayam.ac.in/

The last date for receipt of application (Ph.D.): **09th May 2025 [17:00 IST]**

Advt No.IIITK/01/12//2025/1414 dated 22.04.2025 sd/- Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer,Public Works Special Division, Shivamogga Ph: 08182-222943
Email ID: spdivision@gmail.com

Short-term Tender Notification (Two-cover system) (Through KPP portal) - 2nd Call

IFT No. 05/2025-26 **Date: 24.04.2025**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-4 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 5054-04-337-0-01-154- MDR Improvements. Reconstruction Of Road At Bhadravathi Holehonnuru Road Joining Mm Road Via Yemmehatti, Thimlapura, Marashettihalli, Arakere, Dhanwadi At Ch 2.80 To 3.65 Km and Ch:11.20 To 12.20 Km In Bhadrvathi Taluk for Amount put to tender is. **Rs. 156.82 Lakhs**, EMD amount is **Rs. 2.35 lakhs** Time allowed for completion of work is 11 Months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through KPPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz.,http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in)**. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section-2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP-Portal from **24-04-2025 to 02-05-2025**. Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **02-05-2025 at 17.00 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **03-05-2025 at 05.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after **04-05-2025** Onwards. If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through KPPP-Portal only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

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Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the empanelled contractors and also willing to empanel in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for the below mentioned works.

Last date of Receipt of Tender: 07.05.2025 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Hikkanaguthi, Sindagi Taluk, Vijayapura District. **Work Indent No:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2025-26/BD/Work_Indent 560 & IFT No.13/2025-26 Date: 23.04.2025. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.12,14,41,949/-
2	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Aralihalli Village, Kampli Taluk, Ballary District. **Work Indent No:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2025-26/BD/Work_Indent 561 & IFT No.14/2025-26 Date: 23.04.2025**. Amount put to tender :** Rs.12,15,79,596/-
3	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Mudhola Village, Yalaburga Taluk in Koppal District. **Work Indent No:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2025-26/BD/Work_Indent 564 & IFT No.12/2025-26 Date: 23.04.2025. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.12,16,08,264/-
4	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential School at Dharoji Village-Thoranagallu-Sandur Taluk in Ballary District. **Work Indent No:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2025-26/BD/Work_Indent 565 & IFT No.15/2025-26 Date: 23.04.2025. **Amount put to tender :** Rs.12,15,72,594/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/379/AKAR/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

Ashutosh K. Singh takes charge as DRM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ashutosh K. Singh assumed charge as Divisional Railway Manager of the Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway recently. An officer of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers (IRSEE) of the 1995 batch, Mr. Singh previously served as the Chief Electrical Engineer at Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation.

Mr. Singh brings extensive experience in electrical maintenance, construction, and high-speed rail projects. He has served in various railway divisions and zonal headquarters and contributed to the safety certification of major metro projects, including Chennai, Kochi, Bengaluru, Delhi, and UP. As a certified energy auditor with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Mr. Singh has led several energy-saving initiatives on the railways.

Conference

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Soundarya College of Law, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reforms (KILPAR), hosted a conference on 'Protection of Children in the Digital World' recently.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Material Management Department

('e'-Tender Notice for the supply of Stores, No. EPS/70/2025)

PCMM/WCR on behalf of the president of India Invites the following advertised tenders through E-procurement System. No manual/postal offers shall be entertained. Tenders can be accessed under the link website "https ://ireps.gov.in" for details and for submission of Tender.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Short Description	Tendered Qty.
1	50255073-RC	Rate Contract for Supply of PVC insulated armoured	3000.00 Kilometer
2	50255120-RC	Rate Contract for Supply of Underground Railway	2000.00 Kilometer
3	81255001	ERC MK-V(RT-5919)	6019502 Nos.

Above Tenders Due date **Sr No.** 1 to 3 - 16.05.2025
"For tenders with estimated value below Rs. 50 lakh, interested firms are advised to visit www.ireps.gov.in"

(SD.)
For Principal Chief Material Manager, WCR, Jabalpur

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2025-26/363 DATE: 24/04/2025

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-1 & Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tender/retenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division, 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Implts and 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Maints, Totally 2 No. of works, Amount put to tender is Rs. 784.00 Lakhs and Rs. 21.60 Lakhs respectively.

Calendar of events:1)Pre-bid meeting date: 28-04-2025 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 29-04-2025 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 02-05-2025 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 05-05-2025 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 6)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-147/KSMCA/2025-26

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notification

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Name of the work with its location

Tender for awarding the contract of parcel handling activities of loading. unloading and shifting of non-leased/ departmental parcels/ luggage between various Platforms & Parcel Offices and vice-versa at SBC (Bengaluru), YPR (Yesvantpur), SMVB (Sir Mokshagundam Terminal, Bengaluru) & YNK (Yelahanka) Railway Stations over Bengaluru Division, South Western Railway.

Date for Participation in the GeM Portal:
03.05.2025

For details log on : **www.gem.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
Bengaluru

PUB/65/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender No. CPMGSU-2025-01
Dated : 22.04.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

SN	Name of work	Approx.Value
1	Improvements/ Enhancement of Freight maintenance facilities at Harihar depot.	Rs. 33940840.74

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 15.00 hrs on 14.05.2025

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Project Manager/
Gati Shakti Unit, Mysuru

PUB/67/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to purchase the Immovable Property from **Mr. FRANCIS. MARIAPPA,** S/o. Mr. Sanna Mariappa, BBMP Site No. 118/C, in Khata Sl. No.4113 /112/1-118/C, situated at Bilishivale, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No.54 [Hoodi] [formerly **Site No. 118/C,** Khata No.112/1, **Property No.9,** situated at **Bilishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** Bangalore], measuring East to West : 109 feet and North to South : 60 feet, site measuring **6540 Square feet,** which is bounded on the : **East by : Property belongs to Latha K., West by : Road, North by : Private Property South by : Road**

If any authority /person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **10 days** from today failing, which our client will get the Sale Deed registered after obtaining the certified copy, as the original sale deed **dated 03.07.2006,** is lost, and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

K.M.A.PERES, VIREN MICHAEL PERES, Advocates, No.46/1-1, Wheeler Road, Bangalore- 560005, Mobile: 9845000414.
E-mail. peresoffice@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MRS.MEENA PHILIP** C/o.John Joseph is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.ABRAHAM JOSEPH** S/o.V.K.Abraham; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.81** and Katha No.101/81 situated at **Chikka Gubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** Measuring East to west **80 feet** and North to South **50 feet,** the total area of **4000 Square Feet** and bounded on the:
East by : Site No.86, West by : 30 Feet Road, North by : Site No.80, South by : Site No.82

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
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भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

REGIONAL OFFICE : No. 10, EAST END MAIN ROAD, 4th 'T' BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560041

No. RO KA-32.0011.0/4/2025-CON-ROKA
Date: 22.04.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice

जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, दो वर्ष के लिए ऑनलाइन नियमित निविदा **1) एफएसडी एंड्रोथ में एचटीसी, 2) एफएसडी भद्रावती में एचटीसी 3) बीएससी व्हाइटफील्ड में आईटीसी और 4) एफएसडी केआरपीजी में आईटीसी के लिए आमंत्रित किया गया है।** बोली **14.05.2025 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी है।

जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, दो वर्ष के लिए ऑनलाइन नियमित निविदा 1) एफएसडी बल्लारी में दो साल के लिए नियमित एचटीसी के लिए आमंत्रित किया गया है। बोली **03.05.2025 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी है।

एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **"www.fci.gov.in"** और **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर उपलब्ध हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।

Online Tenders for regular **1) HTC at FSD Androth, 2) HTC at FSD Bhadravathi, 3) ITC at BSC Whitefield & 4) ITC at FSD KRPG for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal**. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 14.05.2025.**

Online Tenders for regular **HTC at FSD Ballari** for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 03.05.2025.**

NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in"** & **"https://gem.gov.in"**. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in**.

महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (Karnataka)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, **SRI. B. RAJANNA**, son of Late. N. Bhadraiah is the absolute owner of the property described in the Item No. 1 of the Schedule & **SRI. B. VEERAPPA REDDY** son of Late. N. Bhadraiah is the absolute owner of the properties described in the Item No. 2 & 3 of the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to develop the Schedule Property in to a Commercial Working Space/Units on a Joint development and outright basis with the above said owners. We have conducted a due diligence on the documents submitted to us. Any persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO. 1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy. No. 79/4 (Old Sy. No. 79/2)**, measuring to an extent of **0-06 Guntas**, situated at Tigalachowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 79/2; West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 79/5; North by: Road; South by: Dommasandra Village border;

ITEM NO. 2: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy. No. 79/5 (Old Sy. No. 79/2)**, measuring to an extent of **0-06 Guntas**, situated at Tigalachowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 79/4; West by: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 79/5; North by: Road; South by: Dommasandra Village border;

ITEM NO.3: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy. No. 79/5 (Old Sy. No. 79/2)**, measuring to an extent of **0-06 Guntas**, situated at Tigalachowdadenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the: East by: Remaining portion of Sy. No. 79/5; West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 79/1; North by: Road; South by: Dommasandra Village border;

Dated this 26th day of April 2025 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
No. 428, First Floor, 25th Cross, 24th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102,
Phone: 080-65555914,
Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690,

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

पत्र सं. – म.प्र.(कार्मिक) / स्कूल / संविदा / 2025–26 दिनांक : 23.04.2025

WALK IN INTERVIEW

A walk in Interview is being oraganized to fill up the 16 post of PGT/TGT/Music/ Computer/Physical Education Teacher on contract basis for current Session 2025-26 for BLW Inter college/BLW Varanasi from 08.05.2025, 09.05.2025 and 10.05.2025 from 8.30 am. Details description and format of application can be download from BLW website **http://www.dlwintercollege.co.in/news.aspx** . **For any Query, you can be contacted on mobile No. 9794839184, 9794864103 and 9794825653.**

Reported Time - 8.30 am to 10.00 am

PRO/BLW/P-1 **For General Manager (P)**

/blwvaranasi "Website : http://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರಾಗಾರ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರಾಗಾರ,
ವಿಕಾಸಸೌಧ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

No: KSAD/2025/2026/SE0004 **Date: 24.04.2025**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರಾಗಾರ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೈಸೂರು, ಧಾರವಾಡ, ಕಲಬುರಗಿ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೌಕರರ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ	25/04/2025, 10:30 AM
2	ಪ್ರೀ-ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ	05/05/2025, 11:30 AM
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	09/05/2025, 05:00 PM
4	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	12/05/2025, 11:00 AM
5	ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	13/05/2025, 11:00 AM

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲಿಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ವಿವರ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಹೆಲ್ಪ್‌ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ನ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 ರ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ವಾಪಾಸಂಇ/ವಾಪ್ರ/387/ಸ್ಕ್ಯಾನ್/2025-26 ಸಹಿ/- ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Jayanagar 5th Block Branch, 18, 5th Main, Jayanagr 4th Block, opp Rahtrakavi Kuvempupark, Bangalore-560011, Phone No.080-22445563
Mail Id: dbjaya @bankofbaroda.com

NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

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Date : 24.04.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager
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		Basic	Preference	Basic	Preference		
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I, ATISHI Pandey, mother of Navya, aged 9 years, residing at RH–31/ Sobha Adamus / Ardendale, Kannamangala, Near Vaidehi Clinic, Kannamangala, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560067, hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is Navya Pant. The name was incorrectly mentioned as Navya in her passport. The correct name Navya Pant shall be used henceforth for all official purposes. vide affidavit dated 21/04/2025 affidavit No. IN-KA11416198559244X at Bangalore.

I, Rajen Suresh Ambekar S/O Suresh Rambhav Ambekar R/O B1304 Ncc Urban Mayfair, Doddaballapur Road, Near Ramanshree California Resort, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560064, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Namely Saisha Alias Saisha Ambekar (Aged 10 Years 08 Months) And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Saisha Rajen Ambekar For All Future Purposes

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I, Hitherto Known As Naveen S/O Yebu G Markapur Residing At Srinivasa Nilaya 2nd Floor, 2nd Main 4th Cross, Diesel Loco Shed, Justice Bheemaiah, L/O Kr Puram, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560036, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Naveen Markapur For All Future Purposes

I, Lalit Patel S/O Giridhari Lal Patel R/O Wd-1203, Purva Skywood Apt Kudlu, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560068, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Namely Isha Patel (Aged 06 Years) And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Avani Patel For All Future Purposes

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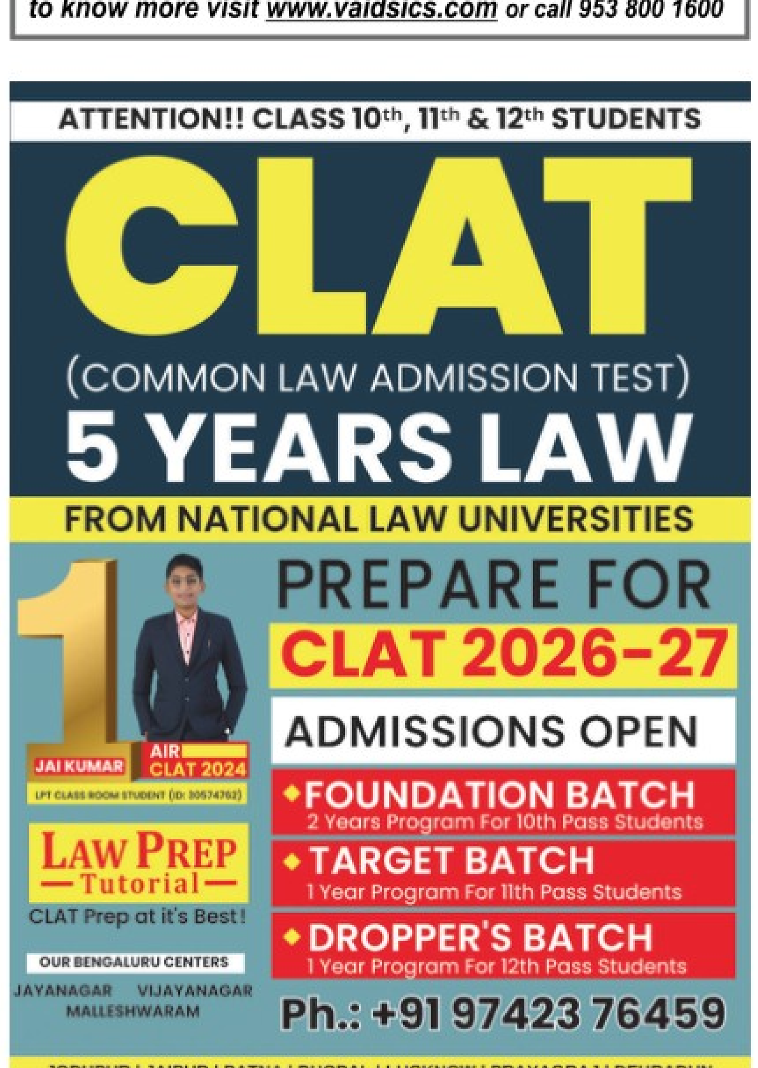

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COVER

Restoring a heritage

The restoration of Bamboo Club in Kodagu included creating an overhang of Mangalore tiles at the front of the building and allowing ample sunlight to stream into the interiors

Nandhini Sundar

It is a nearly 140-year-old structure, built during the colonial era as a club for the Englishmen who had made the picturesque Kodagu their home. Nestling amidst the thick greens of the sprawling coffee estates, the Bamboo Club, built in 1886, had greatly weathered with time, displaying multiple erroneous interventions to meet altered functionalities as well as address structural repairs.

What architect George Ramapuram of Earthitects noticed while taking up the restoration of this heritage structure was random additions. Starting from an asbestos roof on the façade to make-shift toilets and rooms at the rear of the building, the interventions were totally out of sync with the original plan and language of the building. "The interiors were dimly lit because of limited access to direct sunlight. A false ceiling had been added to the ballroom to stem rainwater leakage, and this further added to the dinginess besides cutting down on the volume of the interiors," points George.

Modifying the arches

Given the weathering structural form, George decided to start the restoration by first addressing the multiple arches that lined its expansive corridors. While retaining these multiple arches, George decided to deftly tweak their shape a bit to visually expand the individual arches. This was complemented by greater detailing brought to the columns to enhance the colonial visual appeal. "The originality of the individual arches was not tampered with; in fact, it was painstakingly retained to ensure they existed as a cohesive unit post the intervention to expand the sprawling verandas," he states.

Tiling it right

His next line of intervention addressed the Mangalore tiled roof, which had an intrusion of asbestos over the years to cover the additional rooms brought in to meet various functional requirements. "The original structure came with a tiled roof, and the asbestos was brought in much later. This becomes clear on inspecting the shift in the gradient of the roof, which marks the beginning of the asbestos," explains George. The asbestos roof was dismantled as part of the intervention, at the front as well as the rear of the building, with the Mangalore tiles extended to cover the open corridors.

The rain shield

Kodagu is famous for its copious rain, with many areas reporting flooding during the peak monsoons. Sensitive to this, George created a large overhang of Mangalore tiles at the front of the building to shelter the entrance and the interiors from heavy seasonal rains. "The overhang of the tiles was extended to a height of about 2m to cover the eave board, a basic requirement to shield the interiors from the heavy rains," he explains.

Incidentally, George did not stop there but created a porch at the entrance to facilitate vehicle drop-off during these heavy rains. A driveway was thus created over the expansive steps leading to the entrance gate of the club. George went further to green the landscape around the steps, besides retaining the existing trees around it. Black Kota stone was used to lay the treads in stark contrast to the lush greens surrounding it, thus offering the club a grand entry.

Energising the interiors

The next level of intervention was the interiors that required major transformation, given their dowdy state with scant infiltration of natural light. "The interior spaces came with their defined functionalities, each evolving over time based on emerging requirements. However, the spaces came with very limited natural light, affecting the functionality as well as the energy of the individual zones," elaborates George.

Given the colonial period of the structure, the interiors originally came with high volume, "yet there were no skylights to let in natural light into the spaces". Worse, the main congregating room, which was the ballroom, had been fitted with a false ceiling to arrest water leakage during the heavy monsoon periods. "This reduced the volume of the interiors, making them feel smaller and also dark with the low level of natural light."

George then began his intervention in the interiors by first dismantling this false ceiling to expose an existing double-height ceiling. The presence of the double height further enabled him to create a mezzanine floor over the bar area to overlook the internal courtyard. To visually connect to the exterior corridors, George opened up the existing windows both vertically and horizontally. Lending warmth to the interiors is a rich play of wood, featuring as reapers and planks on the walls, staircase treads, flooring, as well as the ceiling.

Further, arched openings were created to enable ample sunlight to stream into the ballroom and bar area, besides lending a sense of grandeur to the interiors by their presence. In tune with this design intervention, George also increased the height of the entrance doorway, making the interiors appear larger and more open. "While these interventions were executed, utmost care was taken to ensure the essence of the original structure was preserved through the restoration", points George.

"While the club features as a strong recall of the colonial structural form, the elements of the same have, over the years, been absorbed into the native style of the Kodagu region to adapt to the prevailing local conditions. This explains the presence of some of the local architecture of Kodagu in the structural form", elaborates George.

Restructuring the rear

The rear of the club had witnessed haphazard additions to the structure in the form of changing rooms, make-shift toilets to meet altering functional requirements. These were removed and replaced with large arched windows. The Mangalore tile roof extends over this as an overhang around the corridor that runs through the main structure. Random rubble wall and a colonial-inspired balustrade border this open corridor. Crowning these interventions is the insertion of a large exit door that features over a flight of steps, lending a composition to the rear section and its exit, a similar grand feature as lent to the main entry.

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New railway terminal will be established near KIA: Somanna

'Survey has been completed to implement circular railway project to connect Bengaluru outskirts, and the terminal will be set up as part of it'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the convenience of passengers, a new railway terminal will be established near Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru, V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways, has said.

Survey completed

At a press conference here on Friday, he said that the survey work has already been completed for the implementation of the circular railway project to connect the outskirts of Bengaluru city. Under the project, it has been decided to establish railway terminals in four places. One of these terminals will be established near Kempegowda International Airport, he said.

He said railway projects need to be implemented in the light of fast expanding population of Bengaluru.

"After becoming the Railway Minister, I have emphasised completing the old railway projects that were stalled. Karnataka's Minister for Large and Medium Industries, M.B. Patil, is cooperating to implement the Suburban railway project. Earlier, the Union government used to allocate only ₹833 crore to Karnataka for the implementation of railway projects. But now, ₹7,000 crore to ₹8,000 crore are being provided annually. So, all the old projects will be completed in two to three years. Therefore, the State government should cooperate in the implementation of railway projects. This will lead to the development of the State," he explained.

Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna addressing the media in Bengaluru.
SUDHAKARA JAIN

Concession

Responding to a question on whether steps will be taken to reinstate concessions in railway ticket prices to senior citizens, persons with disability, and others as before the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Somanna said that a request has been submitted to the department. But during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Union government had reduced all types of railway ticket prices by 46%, and therefore, the concessions given to special classes were reduced. He said that he would discuss this issue with the Prime Minister to reinstate these concessions in the wake of public demand.

Basava Jayanti to be celebrated in Parliament

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The birth anniversary of 12th century social reformer Basaveshwara will be celebrated for the first time in Parliament in New Delhi on April 30, V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways, has said.

At a press conference here on Friday, he said that Om Prakash Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, would pay floral tributes to Basavanna on the Parliament premises at 8 a.m. on that day.

"Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Pralhad Joshi, Ashwini Kumar, H.D. Kumaraswamy, Shobha Karandlaje, and others will participate in the programme," he added.

This is the 894th birth anniversary of Basavanna, who established the Anubhav Mantapa in the 12th century for social justice. He said that the Anubhav Mantapa is the model for the present Parliament.

Apart from Karnataka, requests have been received from Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana to celebrate the birth anniversary of Basavanna. Therefore, steps would be taken to celebrate it in other States, Mr. Somanna said.

Rename university

Mr. Somanna urged the State government to rename Gulbarga University at Kalaburagi after Basavanna.

Earlier, when the Janata Dal government was in power, the then Chief Minister J.H. Patel had decided to name Gulbarga University after Basavanna. This was also agreed to by all his Cabinet members. However, after Patel's tenure ended, no politician showed any willingness to rename the university, he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Renukamma W/o. Sri. K. Nagaraja and her son Sri. Adarsh N are intended to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. P. Seetharamaiah S/o. Late. Venkata Setty & Sri. S. G. Ramesh Babu S/o. late. T. L. Goplakrishna Setty represented by their GPA Holder M/s. Dai Doron India Properties Pvt. Ltd., rep. by its directors Sri. Ramoji Gowda, & Mrs. Supriya Patil, office At No. 32, Banashankari 2nd Stage, 28th Cross, Industrial Estate, Banashankari Bangalore- 560 070.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No. 17, Panchayath Khata No. 428/17, PID No. 150200100400924691 in Layout Known as "SPRING WOODS-II" formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 173/1, Conversion order bearing No. ALN (A&J) SR. 174/2014-15, dated 16-05-2016 Vide approved Layout Plan No. APA/LAO/ 51/2020-21 dated 25-03-2024, situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 50 Ft. in all measuring 1500 Square Feet. and bounded on: East by:Road, West by : Site No. 20, North by : Site No. 18, South by : Site No. 16.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B,
& B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
#1010, 2nd Floor, 7th A Main Road,
1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560034,
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 25-04-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposes to purchase the Schedule Properties from **Sri.Somashekar.D, S/o.Sri.Dalegowda,** aged about 40 years, residing at Nettigere Village, Bolare Post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 082. I am investigating the title of the Schedule Properties.

Any person/s having any manner of claims/objections for the proposed purchase of the Schedule Properties, may lodge their claim/s, objection/s, with the undersigned, with documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. Any claims/objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Properties as if there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE -PROPERTY:

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.161 measuring to an extent of 1.00 Acre 01 Gunta situated at Nettigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belongs to Manjunath.T., in same Sy.No., **West by:** Property belongs to Channappa, Dalegowda and Shivanna in same Sy.No.,;**North by:**Gundajaneya Temple Road; **South by:** Property belongs to Shakunthala.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.162 measuring to an extent of 5.00 Acres 34 Guntas situated at Nettigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the: **East by:** Property belongs to Lakshmamma in same Sy.No.52, **West by:** Property belongs to Revanna; **North by:** Property belongs to Linganna and 12 Feet Road leading to Kodihalli; **South by:** Property belongs to Sampangi Ramareddy.

Y.S.H.Reddy. Advocate
No.503, 1st Floor, Sai Leela Suites,
1st Main, 7th Cross, H.M.T.Layout,
Parallel to 80 Feet Road, R.T.Nagar,
Bengaluru- 560 032. Mobile: 98863 78570.

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: 25.04.2025

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Road Construction Department, Road Division, Daltonganj.
e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender Ref No.-1/RCD/Daltonganj/2025-26/ 401
Dated:-24.04.2025

1.	Name of Work	**Construction of Bridge/High Level Bridge at Ch 16.00 Km of Patan -Daltonganj (Bairiya Chowk to Saguna More) Road for the year 2025-26.**
2.	Estimated Cost	**Rs. 10,20,46,031.00 (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Lacs Forty Six Thousand Thirty One) Only.**
3.	Bid Security (Amount)	**Rs. 10,20,500.00 (Rupees Ten Lacs Twenty Thousand Five Hundred) Only.**
4.	Time of Completion	**18 Months**
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	**08.05.2025, 10:30 AM**
6.	Last Date/Time of Online Bid Submission	**29.05.2025, 12:00 Noon**
7.	Date and Time of Bid opening	**30.05.2025, 12.30 PM**
8.	Bid (Tender Fee & EMD) Submission Address	**Cost of bidding document (for a non refundable fee) & Bid security as indicated shall be payable online through http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in**
9.	Name & address of officer Inviting tender	**Executive Engineer, R.C.D., Road Division, Daltonganj. 06562–225019**
10.	E-mail Id	**eercdmedini-jhr@nic.in**
11.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	**0651-2401010**

Note : Estimated amount may vary.
For further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
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PUBLIC E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON 30.05.2025

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 30.05.2025** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**
The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **29.05.2025 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property/ies	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	**(1) M/s Vandana Sky Wards Represented by its Managing Partners, Mr. Sudhakar T and Mr. Kumar T,** Addressed at : Sy. No.153/2 & 153/3, Dodda Thogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-560102, **(2) Mr. Sudhakar T,** S/o Late. T Bhaskar Chowdary, Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(3) Mr.T.Kumar** S/o Late Kondama Naidu, Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(4) Mrs. Suneetha T,** W/o Mr. T Sudhakar, Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 **(5) Mrs. Premala T** W/o Mr. Kumar T, Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050 **(6) Ms. Bhavana T** D/o Mr.T Sudhakar Addressed at : No.406, Vandana Primerose, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, **(7) Mrs. Rajitha T** W/o Mr. Thulasi Babu K R Addressed at : No.32, 15th Cross, Ashok Nagar, 1st Stage, Bengaluru- 560050, **(8) Mrs. Mamatha T** W/o Mr. Kumar Raja Addressed at : No.116/2, SVM Paradise, Flat No.2E, Nagappa Reddy Layout, 9th Cross, B Narayanapura Extension, Bengaluru-560016 **(9) Mrs. Aruna S** W/o Mr. Sathishkumar M, Addressed at: No.90, Vinayaka Nilaya, SBM Cross, Road, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061. **Loan A/c Nos.: TL A/c No.0907001600526201**	**Rs.17,72,79,820.92 [Rupees Seventeen Crore Seventy Two Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty and Paisa Ninety Two Only] as on 11.04.2025 Future Interest From + Costs**	**18.12.2024 Constructive**	**Item No.1] :** All that part and parcel of the portion of the commercial premises having a total built up area of **2,40,049.65 sq ft** in the following manner: **(1)** Northern portion of the Basement- 4 Floor having a built up area of **29,517.28 sqft (2)** Southern portion of Basement-3 Floor, having built up area **29,517.28 sq ft (3)** Northern portion of the basement -2 Floor having a built up area **29,517.28 sq ft (4)** Southern portion of Basement-1 Floor, having a built up area **31,843.85 sq ft (5)** Northern portion of the Ground floor having a built up area **18,373.44 sq ft (6)** Southern portion of the First Floor having a built up area **27,656.46 sq ft (7)** Northern portion of the Second floor having a built p area **26,851.66 sq ft (8)** Southern portion of the Third floor having a built up area **26,851.97 sq ft (9)** Northern portion of the Fourth floor having built up area **19,920.42 sq ft.** Together with 58% of the undivided share, right, title & interest over the lands measuring 1 Acre 15 Guntas in Sy. No.153/2 & 18 Guntas in Sy, No.153/3 of Doddathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru belonging to M/s Vandana Sky Ward's Represented by its Managing Partners **Mr. Sudhakar T and Mr. Kumar T, Boundaries of property as per Document : East by:** Land in Sy.No.150, **West by :** Road and land in Sy.No.107, **North by :** Land in Sy.No.153/4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy.No.153/1.	**Rs. 43,00,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Three Crore Only)**	**Rs. 4,30,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Lakh Only)**	**10.30 AM to 10.45 AM**	**Rs. 1,00,000/-**	**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.2] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.001,** situated in the Ground Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Sri Vandana Sarovar"** having built up area of 1660 sq ft along with **377.51 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property bearing **Municipal No.35 (Old No.49/13), PID No.66-122-35, measuring 18,764 sq ft** situated at Service Road, Jakkasandra Extension, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with two covered Car parking space with rights over all spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mr. Sudhakar T. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa, **South by :** Road. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Corridor, **West by :** Flat No.004, **North by :** Open Space, **South by :** Flat No.002	**Rs. 1,25,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 12,50,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**10.45 AM to 11.00 AM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.3]: All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.002,** situated in the Ground Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Sri Vandana Sarovar"** having built up area of **1575 sq ft** along with **358.18 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property bearing Municipal No.35 (Old No.49/13), PID No.66-122-35, measuring 18,764 sq ft situated at Service Road, Jakkasandra Extension, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with two covered car parking space with rights over all spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mr. Sudhakar T. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa, **West by :** Road , **North by :** Property of Agarada Andayappa, **South by :** Road. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Corridor, **West by :** Flat No.003, **North by :** Flat No.001, **South by :** Open Space.	**Rs. 1,19,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Nineteen Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 11,90,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)**	**11.00 AM to 11.15 AM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.4] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.402,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1290 sq ft** along with **335.68 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2, **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Flat No.401, **West by :** Flat No.403, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 7,80,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)**	**11.15 AM to 11.30 AM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.5] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.403,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1290 sq ft** along with **335.68 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Flat No.402, **West by :** Stair case, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs.77,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs.7,75,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Only)**	**11.30 AM to 11.45 AM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.6] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.404,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of 1265 sq ft along with 329.17 sq ft of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Stair case, **West by :** Flat No.405, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs.76,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Only)**	**Rs.7,60,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**	**11.45 AM to 12.00 Noon**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.7]: All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.405,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1265 sq ft** along with **329.17 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the floor level with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Flat No.404, **West by :** Flat No.406, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to sky.	**Rs.76,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Only)**	**Rs.7,60,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**	**12.00 Noon to 12.15 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.8] : All that part and parcel of the **residential apartment bearing Flat No.406,** situated in the Fourth Floor of the Apartment building known as **"Vandana Primerose"** having built up area of **1625 sq ft** along with **422.85 sq ft** of undivided share, right, title and interest over property converted land measuring 10 Guntas in Sy No. 3/2 of Yellukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor with rights over all open spaces and common area of the building belonging to **Mrs. T Suneetha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road formed in Sy No.9, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Presently Ambedkar Colony formed in Sy No.4, **South by :** Road formed in Sy No.2. **Boundaries of Flat: East by :** Flat No.405, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Corridor, **South by :** Open to Sky.	**Rs.98,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh Only)**	**Rs.9,80,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)**	**12.15 PM to 12.30 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.9] : All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **BDA Site No.38-A, Municipal No.38/A, PID No.65-48-38/A, measuring 222.95 sq mts** (East to West: 18.29 mts and North to South 12.19 Mts) situated at 4th Cross, 30th Main Road, 2nd Stage, BTM layout, Bengaluru, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Mamatha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No.7-A & 7-B, **North by :** Property No.38, **South by :** Property No.38-B.	**Rs.4,70,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Lakh Only)**	**Rs.47,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Only)**	**12.30 PM to 12.45 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.10] : All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.10, Municipal No.10, PID No.65-58-10,** measuring **2880 sq ft (East to West (70+74)/2 feet and North to South: 40 feet),** situated at Mysore Road Industrial Employees HBCS Layout, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Nagara, Bengaluru (being the Site situated in the layout formed by the Mysore Road Industrial Employees House building Co-operative Society Ltd, in Sy Nos.85/1, 88/2, 88/3, & 87/2 of Madivala Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk) within the limits of BTM layout Ward of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Rajitha. Boundaries of property as per Document : East by :** Site No.21, **West by :** 30 feet wide road, **North by :** Site No.9, **South by :** Site No.11.	**Rs.6,20,00,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Twenty Lakh Only)**	**Rs.62,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Only)**	**12.45 PM to 01.00 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**
				Item No.11]: All that part and parcel of the **immovable property bearing Site No.7, Municipal No.32, PID No.51-65-32, measuring 1350 sq ft (East to West :30 feet and North to South : 45 feet),** situated at 15th Cross, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru belonging to **Mrs. T Premala. Boundaries of Land as per Document : East by :** Property No.8, **West by :** Property No.6 , **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property.	**Rs.2,25,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Five Lakh Only)**	**Rs.22,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**01.00 PM to 01.15 PM**		**Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Basavanagudi A/c No. 0903500200004101 IFSC - KARB0000090**

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).
(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8/Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).
For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Auction Notice".
The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **30.05.2025** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **29.05.2025**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD** (Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Telangana, India – 500016, **Contact No. :** 8885035382 E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 25.04.2025

Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

'Raitha Santhe' at UAS-B today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Residents who love to buy fresh and authentic agricultural produce directly from farmers have something to cheer as two such raitha santhes are being held in different locations of the city on Saturday.

While the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS-Collective Leadership) is holding its second edition for two days from Saturday in Rajarajeshwarinagar and the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru (UAS-B) is holding a one-day 'Raitha Santhe' on Saturday, in which products developed by the university and promoted by self help groups will be on display as well as sale at the university's GKVK campus.

With this, the residents will get an opportunities to visit Raitha Santhes both in the northern and southern areas of the city.. The event is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A variety of items will be displayed and available for purchase, including seeds, bio-fertilizers, aromatic and medicinal plants, and agricultural tools, among others.

These products are developed by UAS and promoted by Self-Help Groups.

With Bill getting nod, BBMP enters transition phase

Experts suggest it may take eight to nine months to implement changes outlined in GBG Act

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

With Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot granting assent to the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill 2024, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has officially entered a transition period. As a first step, the government will define the boundaries of the Greater Bengaluru area.

The BBMP will continue to function temporarily until the changes outlined in the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act (GBGA) 2024 are completed. The Act clearly specifies transitional provisions.

These provisions ensure continuity during the shift from the earlier legal framework to the newly enacted Act. The provisions state that any rule, order, notification, or appointment made under the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, or the BBMP Act, 2020, will remain in force after the new Act takes effect, provided they are not inconsistent with its provisions.

Currently, the BBMP spans 709 sq km, which will expand under the new structure. FILE PHOTO

Existing instruments will be deemed to have been issued under the new Act and will remain valid until amended, replaced, or withdrawn through new measures enacted under the new law. This prevents any legal vacuum and enables the BBMP and related bodies to operate smoothly during the legal transition. It also allows the government to gradually introduce changes under the new Act while preserving governance continuity and administrative stability in Bengaluru's municipal system.

What's next

Experts suggest it may take eight to nine months to implement changes. The Urban Development Department (UDD) will soon begin this process.

The first step is defining the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area. Currently, the BBMP spans 709 sq km, which will expand under the new structure. V. Ravichandar, a member of the Brand Bengaluru Committee (BBC), said, "Defining the area for the GBA is the primary step towards implementing the Act."

Mr. Ravichandar added that the UDD will then need to redraw wards based on census blocks. Estimating population growth from 2011 to 2025 is crucial. The last census was conducted in 2011.

Mr. Ravichandar noted, "A constraint during the creation of the 243 wards was the reliance on Census 2011 data. It's imperative to update this at the census block level to estimate the 2025 population. This ensures new wards are balanced across corporations. Relying solely on 2011 data would render the ward exercise flawed. Updated data, like the latest electoral rolls, can act as proxies for growth indicators across Bengaluru."

Following the redrawing of wards, corporations will be established, and wards assigned accordingly. The government must consider revenue aspects while allocating wards to ensure balanced property tax collection. The UDD may also determine ward reservations in preparation for elections. Once this is done, a draft notification will be issued, inviting public objections before the final notification.

Upon final notification, the BBMP in its current form will cease to exist.

Re-evaluation impact: Tirthahalli girl is now topper in Science stream

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA/BENGALURU

Deeksha R., a student from Tirthahalli in Shivamogga district of Karnataka, has secured 600/600 in II PUC in the Science stream after re-evaluation. Now, she is the topper in the Science stream in Karnataka.

In the Commerce stream, Prateeksha of ASC PU college Rajajinagar in Bengaluru shifted from third position to first position after the re-evaluation. Now she shares first position with S. Deepashree of Canara College Mangalore with 599 for 600.

Prateeksha had earlier secured 577 and after the re-evaluation she got two more marks in English.

Deeksha, a student of Vagdevi PU College in Tirthahalli, had scored 599 out of 600 marks when the results were announced on April 8. She had scored 100 each in every subject except chemistry, in which she secured 99 marks. She

Deeksha R.

was the joint topper in the Science stream in Karnataka. She had applied for re-evaluation of the chemistry paper.

Ms. Mamatha, principal of the college, informed *The Hindu* on April 25 that after re-evaluation, her score in chemistry increased to 100. She had scored 69 out of 70 in the theory.

After re-evaluation, the theory score increased to 70. Deeksha is the daughter of Raghavendra Kalkur M.V. and Usha V. who are teachers in government high schools in Tirthahalli.

As per the data released

In Commerce stream, Prateeksha from Bengaluru improved her position from third to first after the re-evaluation

by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB), a total of 5,800 students who applied for re-evaluation have seen changes in the marks, some got negative marking too.

As many as 1,470 applicants have not seen any changes in their marks.

Blunders by teachers

The data revealed the blunders by teachers during the evaluation.

In one case, a student who was awarded 04 in a first language in the original evaluation has secured 64 in re-evaluation.

There are cases where students managed to get 50, 44, 30 and 20 additional marks in the re-evaluation.

Blueprint for 'Cauvery Aarti' to be ready in a week

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Friday said that a blueprint for 'Cauvery Aarti' event will be ready within a week, and there are plans to start the religious event from Dasara this year.

Addressing a press conference after holding a meeting on 'Cauvery Aarti' with elected representatives and officials, he said, "We have formed a committee headed by the Minister in charge of Mandya district N. Cheluvarayaswamy to work out the modalities of Cauvery Aarti. This committee will prepare a blueprint over the next 10 days. We have generally discussed Cauvery Aarti like its concept and so on with our leaders and officials."

Mr. Shivakumar said the committee consists of representatives from the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC), the tourism department, and the Muzrai department, two Deputy Commissioners, two MLAs and MLCs, the CEO of the Mandya zilla panchayat, and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board members. The irrigation department officials will create basic infrastructure for the event, he added. "Our government has decided to allocate ₹92 crore for Cauvery Aarti, and other departments will also chip in. We are creating a seating capacity for about 10,000 people to watch the event. The committee will decide how many days the Cauvery Aarti will be held. Reports have been given to different departments on the respective activities, and we will incorporate all of them to finalise the plan," he told reporters. Planning Authority for Brindavan Gardens at KRS

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at a meeting with elected representatives and officials on the proposed 'Cauvery Aarti' at Krishnaraja Sagar on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Shivakumar, who is also the Minister for Water Resources, said discussions have taken place for calling tenders to upgrade the Brindavan Gardens at Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS).

"We have also decided to form a planning authority, including four panchayats. It will not affect the functioning of the panchayats, and the proposed authority will only take care of the planning part and ensure that the proceeds from this project are invested back into these panchayats," he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that seven firms have come forward to develop the Brindavan Gardens and are discussing the proposals.

"We have put a condition on the bidders to give priority to the local people in the employment," he said.

When reporters sought to know the launch date of the Cauvery Aarti, Mr. Shivakumar said, "I am keen for its launch this Dasara. Let's see how fast the committee submits its plan."

On the location of the Cauvery Aarti event, he said, "We have inspected the places and are taking the opinion of the technical committee. The location has to be close to water and have sufficient space for parking and seating. The committee will decide soon on the location."

Entry tickets

Asked whether there would be entry tickets for 'Cauvery Aarti', Mr. Shivakumar said, "There will be paid and free entry options. Also, the public will get the option to offer prayers."

Responding to questions on the encroachment and pollution of the Cauvery river, Mr. Shivakumar said all dams have been surveyed through drones and are marked for maximum levels. The department has also been told to audit the assets, he added.

Gopalkrishna Gandhi, a man of many parts, turns 80

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Gopalkrishna Gandhi is a man who wears many hats. However, what is probably lesser known is that the former diplomat has also penned musical compositions.

"Aag Bhai Bandhu", composed by Mr. Gandhi, drawing inspiration from the fire sermon on Gautama Buddha, was among the recitals performed by musician T.M. Krishna at an event at the Bangalore International Centre honouring Mr. Gandhi who turned 80 this week.

Illustrious career

Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. Gandhi has had an illustrious career as an administrator, diplomat and author of several books.

The former IAS officer, who held the position of Governor of West Bengal previously, also served as the High Commissioner for India to South Africa and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Gandhi, nevertheless, has an interesting and rather sweet connection to

Historian and writer Ramachandra Guha at a talk on Gopalkrishna Gandhi's work and influences at BIC in Bengaluru on Friday.

Bengaluru, revealed historian Ramachandra Guha who spoke at the event.

"The idea of Gopalkrishna Gandhi was conceived at a park bench in Bangalore," quipped Mr. Guha, further clarifying that it was in the city that Devdas Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi and father of Gopalkrishna Gandhi, confessed his love to Lakshmi Gandhi, daughter of C. Rajagopalachari.

Guha also pointed out that Tara Gandhi, ornithologist and wife of Gopalkrishna Gandhi, has a parental home in the city.

Fine prose

Mr. Guha, who has been a long-time friend of Mr. Gandhi, shared several interesting anecdotes about Mr. Gandhi. Terming him one of the finest writers of English prose.

He recollected how, in the year 2006, he came across a book titled "The End of an Epoch" about Gandhiji at a university library in the U.S. The 60-page book originally written by Manu Gandhi in 1962 about the last few weeks of Mahatma Gandhi was translated by Gopalkrishna Gandhi at the age of just 17.

"Virtually no Indian alive knows our country, the depth of its culture, the diversity of its people, the richness of its literary and intellectual history as does Gopalkrishna Gandhi," Mr. Guha noted.

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NEET mandatory for admission to physiotherapy courses, says Minister Sharan Prakash Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister for medical education and skill development, Government of Karnataka, on Friday announced that admissions to physiotherapy courses will now come under the purview of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), aligning with the national move towards standardised medical education.

"Additionally, the course duration has been extended to five years to enable competence-based learning and deeper clinical exposure," he said.

Speaking at the inauguration of Karnataka Physiocon-2025, an international conference on physiotherapy held at Bangalore Palace Grounds, Mr. Patil expressed the State government's support for including physiotherapy course admission under the ambit of NEET.

"We welcome integrating physiotherapy courses under NEET, which will enhance academic quality and professional standards," he added. Addressing over 10,000 students at the event, Mr. Patil highlighted the pivotal role physiotherapists play across the healthcare spectrum from childbirth to elderly care.

"Physiotherapists today contribute significantly to neuro and orthopedic rehab, cardiopulmonary care, pediatrics, disability support, sports medicine, fitness, and community-based care," he noted.

He also revealed the State's plans to introduce physiotherapy courses in more government colleges to meet the growing domestic and international demand for trained professionals.

Yagna Shukla, Chairperson of the National Commission for Allied & Health Professionals, said the commission was planning for introducing 'One nation, One Curriculum' initiative in physiotherapy education, and said the curriculum reforms would set a golden standard that would elevate the profession with far-reaching benefits for students and practitioners alike.

The conference saw participation from global experts.

City-based Indian Army officer completes Ironman 140.6 Triathlon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 53-year-old Indian Army officer serving at the Army Service Corps (ASC) Centre (South), Bengaluru completed the Ironman 140.6 Triathlon in Penghu, Taiwan.

The Ironman 140.6 demands 3.8 km of open-water swimming, 180 km of relentless cycling, and 42.2 km of running all in one day without a break.

Colonel Jangvir Lamba, a fourth-generation officer in the Indian army, completed the gruelling Ironman 140.6 Triathlon, which is regarded as one of the most punishing endurance races, on April 13.

Colonel Jangvir Lamba completed the Ironman 140.6 Triathlon in Penghu, Taiwan on April 13. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Swim, cycle, run'

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'Age is no constraint'

"At 53.5 years of age, competing in the fiercely contested 50-54 age category, Col. Lamba braved extreme conditions and unrelenting terrain to finish the race in a commanding 14 hours, 53 minutes, and 34 seconds. His accomplishment stands as a bold proclamation that age is no constraint when the mind is resolute, and the spirit is forged in fire," according to a press statement from the Ministry of Defence.

Col. Lamba hails from Jaipur. He is a former professional bodybuilder and a national-level bodybuilding judge with the Indian Body Builders' Federation.

Other achievements

According to the ministry, Col. Lamba had participated in the Ironman 70.3 Goa in November 2022, Asia-Pacific Ironman Championship, Cairns, Australia in June 2023, Ironman 140.6 Langkawi, Malaysia in October 2023, and the Marathon des Sables, Morocco in April 2024, which is a 253.5-km multi-stage ultra-marathon through the Sahara desert.

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Kasturirangan had a distinct connect with Malnad

The space scientist had visited parts of the region in Karnataka before submitting a report on the Western Ghats as the head of a high-level committee

Sathish G.T.
SHIVAMOGGA

Space scientist K. Kasturirangan visited parts of Sakleshpur taluk in Hassan in January 2013 to study the Western Ghats as head of the High-Level Working Group. FILE PHOTO

Space scientist K. Kasturirangan, who passed away on Friday, had a distinct connection with the people of the Malnad region, located in the foothills of the Western Ghats. As the head of the Central government-appointed High-Level Working Group, Dr. Kasturirangan submitted a report on the Western Ghats in April 2013. He and other members of the group had visited parts of the area before submitting the report.

Since the group submitted its report, the scientist's name has been part of everyday discussions in the villages of the region.

The report's recommendations have led to many protests and discussions among the people, who are worried about its implications. However, a section of environmentalists fighting for the conservation of the Western Ghats find the implementation of his report essential for safeguarding the biodiversity hotspot.

What report said

Dr. Kasturirangan's report proposed that 37% of the Western Ghats should be identified as an ecologically sensitive area (ESA). In Karnataka, it would include 20,668 sq. km, spanning over 1,576 villages spread over 10 districts. The local people were worried over the implications of notifying the ESA.

Elected representatives, irrespective of their political affiliation, have opposed the recommendations. The MoEF and Climate Change issued six draft notifications following the recommendations. The draft notification prohibits mining, quarrying, and sand extraction in the ESA. It promotes organic farming in the area and prohibits construction projects measuring 20,000 sq. m and above. However, the State government has rejected all the six notifications.

'Not acceptable'

Ti.Na. Srinivas, a noted face fighting for the rehabilitation of the people displaced by the Sharavati project, said he respected Dr. Kasturirangan for his contributions to the nation as a space scientist. "However, his role as the head of the committee on the Western Ghats was not acceptable," he said. Mr. Srinivas said the report took a view against forest dwellers who had contributed to the conservation of the forests over several generations. However, his recommendations suggested that they had a role in the global warming, he opined.

On the other hand, not all environmentalists supported his report completely. They felt that his report, in a way, "diluted" the original recommendations of professor Madhav Gadgil, under whose leadership the MoEF had constituted the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel.

'Could've saved ghats'

Akhilesh Chipli, an environmentalist based in Sagar, said he had been opposing the Kasturirangan report. "The Central government constituted the High-Level Working Group only to dilute the Gadgil report. But now the governments are not ready to implement even his recommendations. At times, I felt that if the Kasturirangan report was implemented effectively, the Western Ghats could be protected, if not the Gadgil report," he said.

'He mentored future Indian space leaders'

The Hindu Bureau
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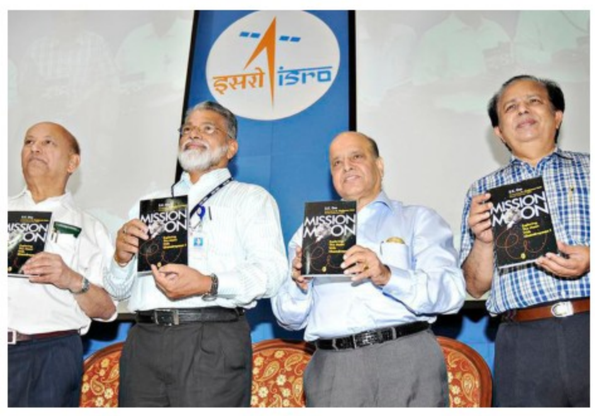

(Clockwise from top left) File photos of former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation K. Kasturirangan with space scientists K. Sivan and A.S. Kiran Kumar at Antariksh Bhavan in Bengaluru; at a book release event with U.R. Rao, K. Radhakrishnan, and G. Madhavan Nair; with former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, and with scientist C.N.R. Rao.

Starting as a young research scholar at the Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, in 1963, K. Kasturirangan's career in the Indian space sector spanned nearly four decades as he occupied the top position of Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in the 1990s.

During his tenure in ISRO as the head of various centres and project director of landmark missions, Dr. Kasturirangan mentored many future space leaders who went on to occupy the top echelons of the Indian space sector.

Inspiring figure

"As a young engineer in ISRO, I had the opportunity to interact and learn from him. I regularly used to seek his advice on various issues even after I assumed the role of ISRO Chairman, and he was very forthcoming and helpful in sharing his views," former ISRO Chairman K. Sivan told *The Hindu*.

He added that Dr. Kasturirangan's death is a loss not just for the space sector but the entire country, considering the several posts he had held.

Headed committees

"After retiring from ISRO, he served in various positions as the Rajya Sabha member and the Planning Commission member. He also headed several crucial committees like the ones on the Western Ghats and the National Education Policy. Hence, his passing away is a loss not just for the space fraternity but the nation as a whole."

In his post on X, another former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said, "He had a profound influence on all of us in ISRO. It leaves a vacuum in the community of technocrats and thinkers whose voice is heard by all."

Several missions

In Dr. Kasturirangan's tenure, ISRO had a near-100% success for space by way of 29 successful missions (of satellites and launch vehicles), including four commercial/foreign satellites launched through Antrix.

He also held various important roles in international bodies including vice-president (Scientific Affairs) of the International Academy of Astronautics (2003-2005), member of the International Academy of Astronautics Sub-Committee on Mars Exploration (1992-93), and chairman of COSPAR Panel on Space Research in Developing Countries (1994-2000).

In total, he published 257 papers in national and international journals/symposia and edited nine books.

All accused in custody can question lawfulness of arrest for non-service of reasons in writing: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a judgment with far-reaching consequences on legality of arrest and benefiting a large number of accused persons in judicial custody, the High Court of Karnataka has declared that all the accused, except habitual offenders, are entitled to claim legality of their arrest due to non-service of grounds/reasons of arrest in writing to them by the police, even if they were arrested before May 15, 2024.

The High Court said the benefit of law laid down by the apex court in Prabir Purkayastha's case would be available to accused persons retrospectively, as it related to rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

The apex court, in the judgment in Prabir Purkayastha vs. State (NCT) of Delhi delivered on May 15, 2024, declared that non-service of grounds/reasons in writing to a person arrested under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act vitiates the process of arrest as it infringes upon the right of accused person to be informed about the grounds of arrest under Article 22(1) (an arrested person shall be informed of the grounds of arrest and allowed to consult a lawyer of his or her choice) of the Constitution.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the order while ordering the release of 20-year-old Hemanth Datta of Arsikere in Hassan district, who was arrested on February 17, 2023, on the charge of murder. The petitioner, who is in judicial custody on rejection of his bail pleas, filed the petition in March 2025 contending that his arrest itself was illegal as no grounds of arrest were served to him by the police.

The precedent

Citing the judgement in Purkayastha's case, the High Court said that "... the argument against retrospective application of the principle of procedural justice enunciated in the case of Prabir Purkayastha does not hold good, more so, when the rule of beneficial construction goes beyond the realm of procedural law, and prescribes mitigation or modification of penalty in light of *post facto* change in substantive law."

Stating that the legal ratio enunciated in Purkayastha's case has merely expounded the pre-existing constitutional guarantee enshrined in Article 22(1) of the Constitution, which has been in effect since January 26, 1950, Mr. Justice Chandangoudar said that any violation of the right to be afforded an opportunity to make an effective representation against the arrest or an order of remand in relation to any offence, shall constitute a contravention of the constitutional guarantee under Article 22(1) of the Constitution and the statutory safeguard under Section 50 of the Criminal Procedure Code, even if the arrest is made prior to the pronouncement of the judgment in Prabir Purkayastha's case.

Trial courts to consider

Meanwhile, the High Court directed that all the trial courts in the State should consider applications for bail made by those in remand and prejudiced on account of non-service of grounds of arrest, even if the accused persons in custody were arrested prior to May 15, 2024.

However, the High Court made it clear that the retrospective benefit of non-service of grounds of arrest in writing would not be available to those arrested under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, as the apex court has already clarified this aspect.

CID files chargesheet against Ramesh Jarkiholi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramesh Jarkiholi

BJP MLA and his associates are accused of defrauding banks of ₹439.12 crore

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has filed a chargesheet against BJP MLA and former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi and two of his associates for allegedly defrauding Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. and four district central cooperative (DCC) banks to the tune of ₹439.12 crore. The chargesheet was filed on Tuesday, April 22, sources said.

High Court nod

The 4,888-page chargesheet was filed after the High Court of Karnataka permitted the CID to do so, sources said. Mr. Jarkiholi had approached the High Court to quash the FIR against him, and while hearing that petition, the court permitted the CID to file their chargesheet, sources said.

The case pertains to loans worth ₹232.88 crore granted by Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank and the DCC banks of Vijayapura, Tumakuru, Dakshina Kannada, and Uttara Kannada to Gokak-based Sowbhagya Lakshmi Sugars between 2013 and 2017. During this period, Mr. Jarkiholi was the chairman and managing director of the company, and the board had two of his close associates, Vasanth V. Patil and Shankar C. Pavade, as directors.

While the banks had put forth a condition that no changes can be made without their knowledge until the loans are cleared, Mr. Jarkiholi, Mr. Patil, and Mr. Pavade exited the company without notifying the banks, and neither was the loan repaid, sources said. Including penalty, interest and the principal, the loan outstanding has now grown to ₹439.12 crore, sources said. The CID Economic Offences Wing that probed the case has now chargesheeted the former Minister and two of his associates for cheating, among other crimes, sources said.

Meanwhile, sources said that the day the CID filed its chargesheet, the company repaid part of its outstanding loan to the banks.

'Govt. will ask developers to forfeit illegal layouts on farmlands'

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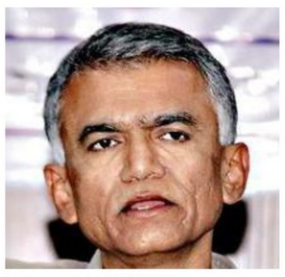

Krishna Byre Gowda

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Friday warned the developers that the State government would ask them to forfeit illegally developed layouts on agricultural land.

The Minister said many illegal residential layouts were being developed across the State by builders/land developers, without permission from the government. The Deputy Commissioners have been told to put a brake on such layouts, Mr. Gowda said.

Noting the Supreme Court ruling on the illegal development of layouts, he said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah too was in favour of curbing this. Land developers have been constructing illegal layouts on farmlands, and this cannot be tolerated, the Minister said, at a press conference here.

Mega function

The Congress government would complete two years in office soon, and a mega function would be organised on May 20 at Hosapete. Mr. Gowda said the department would provide title deeds to one lakh families residing in *tanda*s across the State to coincide with the occasion.

Revenue Department to provide title deeds to one lakh families residing in tandas across the State on May 20

1.3 lakh given deeds

The government brought in a law in 2017 to provide Revenue village status to *tandas* and *hattis*. "We also gave them permanent title deeds. Both the village and their houses were provided legal protection. In the last one-and-a-half years, after the Congress came to power, 1.3 lakh people staying in these places have been provided with title deeds under section 94(D) of the land revenue Act. On May 20, we will give title deeds to one lakh people. We plan to give title deeds to two lakh families by the end of this year," he said.

Noting that two to three people have documents for the same property, he said, "We are providing digital title deeds. There is no question of the original document getting lost."

He said all A and B category land documents are being digitised. Under the Bhoo Suraksha programme, Mr. Gowda said 18.28 crore pages have been scanned till now. By December 2025, all A and B records in taluk offices would be scanned.

Appeal to public

Appealing to the public to submit online applications, he said all original documents would be scanned and protected permanently. Data entry operators in each taluk have been given training in software for scanning the documents, he said.

The Minister said the Chief Minister would lay the foundation stone for 17 Praja Soudhas in the Kalyana Karnataka region on May 5 in Raichur and would inaugurate the Zilla Soudha in Mangaluru on May 16.

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Mr. B. Ravikumar David,
Mrs. Renuka Ravi Chander
Mr. B. Manojkumar David
"When we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be"

'Action against Shine will be decided after ICC report'

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) has stated that a decision on the action to be taken against actor Shine Tom Chacko over the allegations of drug abuse and misbehaviour raised by actor Vincy Aloshious will be taken after receiving the report of the internal complaints committee (ICC) of the movie *Soothravakyam*.

Allegation raised
Vincy had alleged that Shine had misbehaved with her on the set of *Soothravakyam* and was found spitting a white powder while rehearsing a scene.

Dhankhar lauds Ravi for holding V-Cs' conference

Vice-President says T.N. Governor is vindicating his oath by organising such events, which are extremely relevant to the field of education; urges varsities to develop tolerance for varying ideas

The Hindu Bureau
UDHAGAMANDALAM

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated a two-day conference of Vice-Chancellors of State, central and private universities here on Friday.

At the inaugural session, Mr. Dhankhar lauded Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi, saying the latter was only organising the conference due to his "constitutional ordainment".

Mr. Dhankhar's remarks come in the midst of a tussle between the T.N. government and the Governor.

V-Cs' forum: Jagdeep Dhankhar with R.N. Ravi and other dignitaries at the inaugural session of the conference on Friday. ANI

During his speech as the chief guest, the Vice-President said: "He has taken an oath under the Indian Constitution under Article 159. His oath, as that of the Honourable President, is very significant. The oath he has taken as Governor is to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and the law. By his oath, he is further enjoined to devote to the service and well-being of people of Tamil Nadu. By organising such events, which are extremely relevant to the field of education, Governor Ravi is vindicating his oath."

He urged the universities to share faculty talent "virtually, technologically and otherwise". "That will have two-fold purpose. While giving it, you will be receiving also. The winds of innovation and change must have free passage in educational institutions. There must be tolerance for varying ideas. Intolerance to a thought defines democracy the wrong way," he said.

'300 Dalit entrepreneurs awaiting land allotment'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

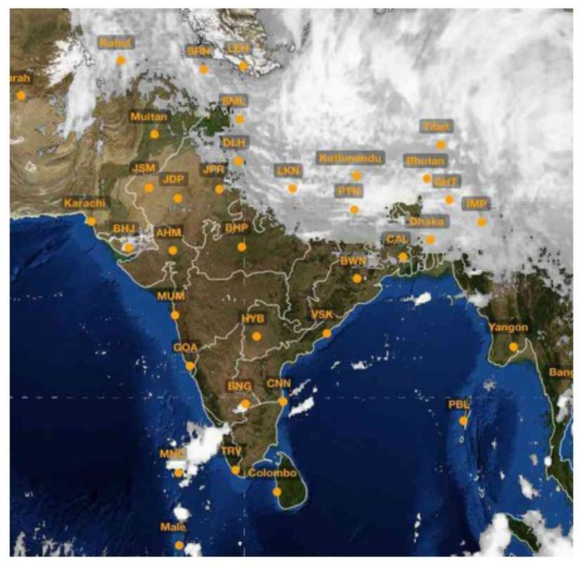
The Karnataka Dalit Entrepreneurs Association (KDEA) on Friday alleged that about 300 Dalit entrepreneurs are awaiting allotment of land for the past seven years even after paying advance amount.

"Injustice is being meted out to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs in the name of bulk allotment. The decision taken in September 2014 to earmark 25% of the land in the old industrial areas has not been adhered to. There is a backlog of 271.8 acres to be distributed among Dalit entrepreneurs in areas developed after 2009," KDEA working president C.G. Srinivasan told presspersons here. He accused the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board of providing industrial sites that are in dispute or without infrastructure, and that the board was not considering reservation in total sites available.

He said the State government has set aside just 1% of the total allotment of about ₹42,018 crore for the Industries Department under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and Tribal-Sub Plan (SCSP/TSP), which needs to be increased to financially empower the community members. "Though the number of Dalit entrepreneurs has increased since 2019, the allotment remains at 1%, and dues of about ₹850 crore is pending under various schemes," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy to very Heavy Rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam and Meghalaya. Heavy Rainfall very likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh and likely at isolated places over South Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.8	27.8	Kozhikode	1.0	36.1	28.6
Ahmedabad	—	41.7	26.6	Kurnool	—	42.0	29.5
Aizawl	—	34.5	20.8	Lucknow	—	43.0	22.5
Allahabad	—	44.6	22.8	Madurai	—	39.5	27.0
Bengaluru	—	34.4	24.4	Mangaluru	2.0	34.0	24.5
Bhopal	—	41.2	25.2	Mumbai	—	33.0	25.7
Bhubaneswar	—	36.8	28.1	Mysuru	—	35.2	25.0
Chandigarh	—	40.2	20.0	New Delhi	—	42.2	20.3
Chennai	—	35.8	29.4	Patna	—	41.6	25.7
Coimbatore	—	37.0	25.0	Port Blair	—	32.0	25.7
Dehradun	—	38.3	19.0	Puducherry	—	35.7	27.0
Gangtok	—	24.1	15.4	Pune	—	40.2	26.3
Goa	—	32.1	27.3	Raipur	—	43.8	29.2
Guwahati	—	34.0	22.4	Ranchi	—	39.3	22.2
Hubballi	—	38.0	24.0	Shillong	—	26.2	16.0
Hyderabad	—	40.8	25.3	Shimla	—	25.5	16.2
Imphal	2.6	31.6	20.6	Srinagar	0.2	23.7	7.1
Jaipur	—	42.0	27.0	Thiruvananthapuram	0.6	32.6	27.1
Kochi	2.0	32.8	27.0	Tiruchi	—	39.7	28.0
Kohima	—	26.0	20.3	Vijayawada	—	39.0	27.2
Kolkata	—	35.6	28.8	Visakhapatnam	—	34.9	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	27	62	25	122	140	
Bengaluru	8	14	31	55	122	
Chennai	6	5	32	35	91	
Delhi	24	78	26	253	320	
Hyderabad	9	47	24	48	105	
Kolkata	5	17	20	74	77	
Lucknow	10	66	45	222	184	
Mumbai	—	3	2	91	107	
Pune	—	18	77	45	82	
Visakhapatnam	10	13	31	50	100	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 289 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands recorded a healthy AQI score of 26.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Caste census: Lingayat, Vokkaliga organisations to hold joint protest

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A meeting of office-bearers of Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha and Akhila Bharatha Veerashaiva Mahasabha on Friday decided to hold a joint protest against the Socio-Economic and Educational Survey (caste census) report submitted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes.

The two dominant communities are unhappy with the population data that has been collected as part of the commission's survey in 2015.

The survey report was submitted by the K. Jayaprakash Hegde-led commission in 2024, but only the population figure of castes, recommendation for reclassification of castes and procedures adopted in collection of data, among others, have been released to the Ministers so far.

The issue is likely to come up for discussion on May 2 when the State Cabinet will meet. The representatives of two community organisations met nearly after a decade. Mahasabha national president Shamanur Shivashankarappa was present.

According to the mahasabha secretary H.M. Renuka Prasanna, a discussion on legal challenges that they could mount against the survey was also part of the meeting.

"Joint strategies to be adopted to oppose the survey report were discussed along with ways elected representatives could be roped in. The date of protest is yet to be decided."

Bengaluru road-rage case: HC fiat to police

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The Karnataka High Court has directed the city police not to take any coercive action against Wg Cdr Shiladitya Bose based on the FIR against him in connection with a road-rage incident.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the interim order on April 24 on a petition filed by Mr. Bose challenging the legality of registration of FIR against him. The police first registered an FIR on the case of assault on Mr. Bose by a call centre employee, Vikas Kumar S.J.

Later, they registered another FIR against Mr. Bose based on a counter-complaint lodged by Mr. Kumar. "The police shall not take any coercive action and shall not summon the petitioner without following due procedure of law. The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation. The chargesheet shall not be submitted without leave of this court," it has been directed by the court in its interim order.

INBRIEF

Hundreds pay homage to Pahalgam victim in Kerala

N. Ramachandran, 65, killed in the Pahalgam terror attack of Tuesday, was given a tearful farewell with State honours in Kerala as hundreds thronged to pay their last respects to him before his son lit the pyre on Friday afternoon. State police personnel offered a guard of honour around 12.30 p.m., after which the body was taken to the crematorium. Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Goa Governor P. S. Sreedharan Pillai, Industries Minister P. Rajeeve, Union Minister of State Suresh Gopi, Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan were among those who paid homage.

Kerala govt. to allow sale of legal liquor in IT parks

On Friday, the Kerala government amended liquor rules to permit the sale of legal alcohol in designated IT parks. At a stroke, the government appears to hold forth a salve to assuage the software and start-up sectors' long-standing grievance that the lack of high-spirited socialising venues rendered Kerala a dull job destination for techies. The government has added a few strict riders to the altered law. It has restricted the liquor licence for IT park facilities to "Developers of Information Technology Parks," a legal euphemism for companies in such facilities.

Mystery surrounds death of 11-year-old near Vizag church

Mystery shrouds the death of an 11-year-old girl near a church in Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh on Thursday night. ACP West Prudhvi Teja said that the girl, who was reportedly suffering from psychological issues, was brought to the Kancharapalem church by her mother and grandmother on Thursday. When they were waiting near the church, the girl reportedly tried to bite them. The mother and grandmother, in a bid to pacify the child, pressed a cloth on her face, which allegedly led to her death, said the ACP. The police have started probe into the case.

EducationPlus Career Counselling to cover 10 locations in nine cities of Karnataka

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The 23rd edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling will cover 10 locations across nine cities in Karnataka between April 26 and May 18.

The landmark event continues its legacy of guiding students and parents in making well informed academic and career decisions.

Career guidance
Designed as a one-stop platform for academic and career counselling, it brings together well-known educationists, career experts, and top institutions to provide personalised guidance on UPSC exam preparation, NEET, and CET counselling conducted by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) officials and career opportunities in diverse fields, including arts, science, commerce, law, management, engineering, medicine, CA, cost management, fashion designing, performing arts, animation, journalism, architecture and more.

If the students are either exploring conventional paths or emerging career trends, this forum will offer the clarity, direction, and expert advice they need.

Registration
The registration for each event will be held between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m., while the main programme will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Entry free
The entry will be free for all students and parents. Each participating student will receive a complimentary copy of *The Hindu's Career Counselling Handbook* – a comprehensive resource featuring over 30 articles authored by distinguished academicians and industry professionals.

This exclusive handbook aligns with contemporary academic trends and evolving career landscapes.

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Those who wish to register for the event use this link: https://newsth.live/CET2025ED

For more information, call Ph: 9448160126 / 9448871815.

The event, organised by *The Hindu*, will begin today at the NMKRV Managala Mantapa Auditorium at Jayanagar in Bengaluru

The schedule

PLACE	DATE	VENUE	ADDRESS
Bengaluru South	26-04-2025	NMKRV Mangala Mantapa Auditorium	22nd Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru
Hubballi	26-04-2025	KLE. Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	BVB. College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi
Davangere	27-04-2025	Bapuji B School (MBA College)	Lakeview Campus, S.S. Layout, Shamanur Road, Davangere
Mysuru	03-05-2025	Sahukar Chennaiah Auditorium	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, P.B. No. 206, Gokulam III Stage, Mysuru
Vijayapura	06-05-2025	BLDECET	BLDEA's V.P. Dr. P.G. Halakatti College of Engineering and Technology, Ashram Road, Adarsh Nagar, Vijayapura
Bengaluru Central	10-05-2025	Sri Jagadguru Renukacharya College of Science, Arts and Commerce	9, Racecourse Road, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru
Mangaluru	17-05-2025	Sri Sudheendra Auditorium	Canara High School campus, Kodiabail, Mangaluru
Bidar	17-05-2025	Sri Poojya Channa Basava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir, near district stadium, Bidar	Sri Poojya Channa Basava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir, near district stadium, Bidar
Tumakuru	18-05-2025	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology , Tumakuru
Kalaburagi	18-05-2025	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan, Sharana Basava University, Kalaburagi

BJP to take up door-to-door visits in Bengaluru to protest against price rise

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Simultaneous protests would be held in front of the offices of all the zonal commissioners for three days

The Opposition BJP is set to take up door-to-door visits in Bengaluru for three days from April 28 to create awareness on price rise as part of the protest being carried out by the party on the issue.

At a press conference in Bengaluru, Mr. Ashok, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, said the protest would cover the increase in price of milk, power tariff, property tax, and the enforcement of parking fee, among others. Accusing the Congress government of enforcing taxes and service fees on the residents of Bengaluru, he said the BJP workers would distribute pamphlets in this regard to every house during the protest to create public awareness about the price rise.

Simultaneous protests would be held in front of the offices of all the zonal commissioners for three days.

Mr. Ashok said the BJP would continue its fight against the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act. Taking exception to the Congress government's stand on decisions of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, he said, "If the Governor does not give his assent, then they would say that the Governor's office has become a BJP office."

KPSC exams
Recalling that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had assured the State legislature of considering the demand for conducting a re-exam for Karnataka Administrative Service examinations after the court issues its order, Mr. Ashok said he had to take a call now as the Karnataka High Court had pronounced its order on this issue. Depending on the decision of the Chief Minister, the BJP would decide on the nature of the struggle to be taken up, he said.

Ashok petitions NHRC
The incident of students being asked to remove their 'janivara' ('sacred thread') before writing the Common Entrance Test (CET) has now reached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), with Mr. Ashok filing a complaint on the issue with the commission.

"On April 23, I filed a complaint with the NHRC about the incidents of infringement of personal beliefs by the Karnataka government in which students were compelled to remove their sacred religious symbols during the CET examination," Mr. Ashok said, on a social media post on Friday.

"I have appealed to the commission to take prompt and appropriate action to safeguard the rights and dignity of citizens, especially the youth, whose future should not be jeopardised by such unlawful and discriminatory practices," he said.

A gathering storm

Pakistan must eliminate the terror groups working on its soil

The diplomatic actions against Pakistan taken on Wednesday by India's Cabinet Committee on Security in reaction to the Pahalgam terror attack are a measured set of responses that indicate a larger escalation could follow. The decisions such as to cancel visas given to Pakistani nationals, suspend consular operations, and to close the Attari border Integrated Check Post (ICP) carry New Delhi's message that it does not wish to engage with Pakistan above the absolute minimum levels required. Some of these measures had followed previous attacks including Pulwama (2019). The decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance until Pakistan acts "credibly" against terror groups means that India will enforce its earlier decision to suspend all meetings of the Permanent Commission that oversees implementation of the treaty, end site visits by Pakistani water teams to India and continue with hydropower and desilting projects along the tributaries – measures to which Pakistan had raised objections. Pakistan's response is an attempt to mirror Indian measures, without even trying to address the anguish in India. Nor does it indicate it is willing to track down the perpetrators, despite the fact that The Resistance Force (TRF), which claimed responsibility for the attack, is a front for the Pakistan-based LeT. Islamabad has also cancelled visas, cut mission strength and has shut down all trade. Pakistan has threatened to suspend other bilateral agreements including the practically defunct 1972 Simla Agreement, which had most notably converted the ceasefire line into the Line of Control and abjured third party mediation on Kashmir. It also suggested that India's suspension of the IWT would be seen as an "Act of War" if it meant water flows to Pakistan are reduced, and threatened tit for tat strikes if India conducts military operations that harm Pakistani citizens.

All signs indicate the stage is being set for further escalation in tensions and a possible military standoff. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message from a rally in Bihar is the threat of punishment "beyond imagination". New Delhi is reaching out to countries around the world, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is briefing foreign envoys, while senior Ministers have briefed Opposition leaders on the cross-border links. Given geopolitical currents, revulsion at such targeting of innocent tourists, and a broad understanding of India's stand on the issue of cross-border terrorism, it is unlikely that other countries such as the U.S. will press New Delhi to restrain its next steps. The government must continue to take all stakeholders, especially the Jammu-Kashmir government into confidence. Pakistan could benefit from reconsidering its disadvantageous position, and even now, show that it is willing to work against terror groups, and avert the impending escalation.

Carrot and stick

The 2015 accord must be revived to prevent Iran going nuclear

The U.S. and Iran are currently engaged in rare high-stakes diplomacy. They have held two rounds of talks, in Muscat and in Rome, with Oman as the mediator, about Tehran's nuclear programme. A third technical round has been confirmed for the coming days. However, tensions still remain high between the Trump administration and the Islamic Republic. It was Donald Trump, during his first term, who sabotaged a functioning multilateral agreement that had significantly curtailed Iran's nuclear programme. Ever since, Iran has accelerated its nuclear activities. While it has not yet decided to build a nuclear bomb, most assessments agree that it has the capability to do so within weeks. At the same time, Iran's regional influence stands diminished as a result of Israel's attacks on its so-called axis of resistance and other regional shifts such as the fall of Syria's Assad regime. Israel is pressing for an attack on Iran's nuclear facilities, but Mr. Trump, according to American reports, has vetoed those plans, for now.

Mr. Trump has adopted a classic carrot-and-stick approach. He said he wanted a deal with Iran but with a warning that if talks failed, there would be bombing. He has also launched a massive aerial campaign against Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis. In addition, the U.S. has ramped up its military presence in West Asia besides moving B-2 bombers to the Indian Ocean region – all aimed at signalling to Iran that U.S. threats should be taken seriously. But despite the combined military might of the U.S. and Israel, any attack on Iran would be catastrophic for regional security and global economy. Iran's nuclear facilities are scattered and underground, making them extremely difficult to destroy. It was precisely because there was no viable military solution to the Iran nuclear issue that world powers chose the path of diplomacy in 2015, a path Mr. Trump had abandoned in 2018 for no good reason. Nevertheless, despite the challenges and geopolitical pressure, the recent initiation of talks by Mr. Trump and Iran opens a rare window of opportunity to resolve the issue once and for all. For diplomacy to succeed, the U.S. should act as a responsible global power that is committed to preventing weaponisation of Iran's nuclear programme, rather than as a partisan patron seeking to destroy Iran on Israel's behalf. Iran, for its part, has signalled that it was open to scaling back its nuclear activities in exchange for the removal of sanctions and threats. The 2015 agreement, which limited Iran's enrichment capabilities and uranium stockpile, could serve as a reference point for a deal if talks progress constructively.

Teaching children to eat well must begin in school

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Last month, world leaders gathered in Paris for the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit. It was also a time for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to announce the extension of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition, from its original timeframe of 2016-25, to 2030. This extension seeks to sustain the global momentum to end all forms of malnutrition and align efforts more closely with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This could be a turning point in nutrition not only to accelerate progress but also to shift the focus beyond food access – to understanding what people eat, how they eat, and why they eat, especially when it comes to children. Nutrition is not just a health concern. It is intricately connected to education, equity and environmental sustainability.

So far, global nutrition efforts have rightly focused on the first 1,000 days of life – from conception to two years of age – as a critical window to prevent malnutrition. But we now know that the next 4,000 days matter just as much. This includes the period of adolescent growth spurt – a time of rapid physical, emotional, and behavioural changes and offering a second window of opportunity to overcome early childhood deficits.

Good nutrition during this phase can help children catch up on growth and set the foundation for long-term health. But to do that, we must shift our focus from just feeding children to teaching them how to eat well.

A side event at the Paris summit – "Learn to Eat Well: Bio-diverse Diets and Youth as Agents of Change" – made this point loud and clear. It signals a global shift in thinking: that food and nutrition education must begin in schools, go beyond counting calories, and help children make choices that are good for themselves and the planet.

A changing world

Today, children are growing up in a world where food is everywhere – ordered with a tap, delivered to the door, and heavily marketed. Choosing what to eat has become increasingly complex.

Most children lack the knowledge and the skills to make healthy choices. Their diets are often shaped by habits, peer influence, or advertising rather than nutrition or tradition. As a result, many children skip breakfast, eat too few fruits and vegetables, and consume too much sugar and processed food.

> Food literacy is no longer a luxury; the focus must shift from just feeding children to teaching them how to eat well

Importance of dietary diversity

A key casualty is dietary diversity – eating a variety of foods to get all the nutrients the body needs. The UN recently adopted Minimum Dietary Diversity as a global indicator under Sustainable Development Goal 2 (End Hunger). It simply asks: did a child eat at least five of 10 food groups in the last 24 hours?

Sadly, in many places – including both cities and villages in India – most children do not. Their diets lack variety, which harms their health and reflects deeper problems in our food systems and education.

Poor diets are linked to malnutrition, childhood obesity, chronic diseases such as diabetes, and mental health issues. Research shows that almost 70% preventable adult diseases begin with habits formed in childhood – especially eating habits. This highlights the urgent need to start early, and schools are the best place to build healthy habits.

Yet, food and nutrition education is missing in most classrooms or is out-dated and not linked to real life. The absence of a proper curriculum and age-appropriate learning resources make it even harder to teach children how to eat well. Teachers often lack the training and the tools to teach it well. Without structured guidance, schools struggle to deliver meaningful food and nutrition education.

This is why we need a structured and age-appropriate curriculum that goes beyond food groups and includes lifestyle habits and environmental awareness. It should start early – at the preschool level – and grow with the child until at least the middle stage, helping them connect the dots between food, health, identity, and sustainability.

Such a curriculum could cover everything from how the human body works and the importance of diverse foods in our diets, to how food systems impact the environment. A central part of this must be promoting bio-diverse diets – ones that include a variety of local, seasonal, and culturally familiar foods. These diets provide better nutrition, support local farmers, reduce environmental impact, and preserve traditional food knowledge.

It must be a part of school life

Teaching children to eat well should not be limited to one-off awareness sessions or occasional activities. It needs to be woven into school life. This means having weekly lessons with age-appropriate, well-designed learning materials, supported by healthier school canteens, kitchen gardens, simple cooking sessions, and student-led campaigns. These real-life experiences help children build lasting knowledge, habits, and values around food, health, and well-being.

Around the world, schools are already showing what is possible – students growing vegetables, cooking simple meals, reading food labels, and learning how their food choices affect their health and the planet.

In India, the National Education Policy and the School Health and Wellness Programme have created room for such integrated learning. But we need a clearer structure, comprehensive curriculum, at least one dedicated weekly session all through the academic year, appropriate learning resources, and properly trained teachers.

Children must be seen not only as learners but also as key influencers. With the right knowledge and tools, they can influence their families, friends, and even their communities – whether by asking for better school meals, reducing food waste, or spreading awareness about healthy eating. In the end, learning to eat well is not just about food. It is about helping children to care for their health, understand their culture, respect the planet, and grow into thoughtful, responsible citizens. In a world facing the dual burdens of under-nutrition and overconsumption, climate change and cultural loss, food literacy is no longer a luxury – it is essential.

If we want to raise a generation that is healthier, more compassionate, and better prepared for the future, we must start by making learning to eat well a part of every child's education – starting today.

A chance for India's creative ecosystem to make waves

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In the face of global trade tariffs and stock market volatility, India shines as a resilient economy. Leveraging its demographic advantages and technological capabilities, India can turn challenges into opportunities, positioning itself as a global 'Creative Powerhouse.' With a rich storytelling tradition, India's Media & Entertainment (M&E) sector aims to 'Connect Creators' worldwide through the 'Create in India, Create for the World' vision.

Making a mark, globally

India is home to a burgeoning population of young creators across various fields such as film, music, art, and technology. Notably, Namit Malhotra's DNEG, the visual effects and animation studio demonstrated ground-breaking VFX in the Oscar-winning success of *Dune 2*. This marked India's seventh Oscar victory, highlighting India's growing influence in the global entertainment industry. The evolution from traditional film-making to digital production showcases the country's capability in creating world-class content.

WAVES Xcelerator (WAVEX), part of the Government of India's World Audio-Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025, aims to connect young creators with industry leaders and foster startup growth.

Scheduled for May 2025 in Mumbai, WAVES seeks to enhance India's M&E startup ecosystem by providing mentorship, funding, and global opportunities. The sector is projected to grow from ₹2,422 billion in 2023 to ₹3,067 billion by 2027, encompassing innovative fields such as gaming, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the metaverse.

Despite challenges in gaining recognition, WAVES offers a platform for emerging startups to showcase their work to global investors. The initiative also includes women-led startups such as Lapwing Studios and Vygr Media, fostering inclusivity within the M&E ecosystem.

WAVES is committed to creating a dynamic and competitive startup environment, serving as a launchpad for international success. WAVEX will directly address barriers to capital, mentorship, and global exposure, offering not only financial support but also a structured ecosystem for growth. Having started Biocon with just ₹10,000 and a vision, I understand the significance of such catalytic platforms.

> The World Audio-Visual Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 will be a launchpad for the next generation of creators and entrepreneurs

As a supporter of the arts through initiatives such as the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) and Science Gallery Bengaluru, I believe that a nation's culture is rooted in both its arts and sciences. Both arts and science are rooted in creativity; scientists experiment in labs just as artists do on canvas.

India, which thrives on the synergy of its demographic advantage, technological capabilities, and rich cultural heritage, is a flourishing hub of creativity. This fusion is not merely philosophical in India; it is practical, shaping industries and driving innovation within the M&E sector.

With a storytelling tradition that spans centuries, India is uniquely positioned to emerge as a global creative powerhouse. From classical dance to cinema, and from comics to immersive technology, we are entering an exciting era where creativity intersects with cutting-edge innovation. The vision of 'Create in India, Create for the World' encapsulates this ambition perfectly.

A catalyst for creative startups

WAVES exemplifies the beautiful convergence of technology and storytelling. WAVEX is poised to tap into this by supporting startups in innovative areas such as animation, AI, Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality (AR/VR), gaming, and the metaverse.

With more than 4,500 sellers and over 5,900 buyers registered for the WAVES Bazaar, the initiative promises to connect Indian startups with global players, accelerating India's ascent as a leader in the global M&E landscape.

WAVES also champions innovation beyond traditional media. Companies such as Erucanavis Technologies are pioneering AI-driven playable ads, while Amaze Studios and Offline Human Studios are redefining storytelling through animation and VR. Ed-tech ventures such as InscapeXR and Vision Impact are transforming learning with immersive media. Together, these startups highlight the vast potential and global relevance of India's creative ecosystem.

A vision for the future

India has long been celebrated for its rich cultural heritage and enduring legacy of creativity.

This creative energy finds its most vibrant expression in our youth, who are the creators of today and the visionaries of tomorrow. Across film, music, animation, gaming, and digital media, young Indian creators are pushing boundaries and redefining genres.

The Indian government's commitment to nurturing this potential is evident in its support for initiatives such as WAVES, which is designed to foster a dynamic, innovative, and globally competitive startup ecosystem in the Media and Entertainment sector.

Today, through WAVES, we are not only investing in startups, but we are also investing in storytelling, in self-expression, and in the creative economy that will define the future. Whether it is in a biotech lab or a digital studio, creativity is the currency that will shape tomorrow's industries and identities.

WAVES 2025 is more than a celebration of India's M&E industry; it is a launchpad for the next generation of creators and entrepreneurs poised to transform how the world consumes entertainment, education, and culture.

As an advisory board member of WAVES, I am proud to be part of this transformative journey. The impact of this initiative will go far beyond studios and boardrooms, echoing in every story told, every startup scaled, and every innovation that challenges convention.

India's moment to lead a global creative revolution is here. Let us 'Create in India, Create for the World' and show the world the boundless power of our imagination.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now, action

All the steps taken by India in its anger to punish Pakistan could turn out to be double-edged swords. India cannot take back the areas under the occupation of Pakistan (PoK) without unleashing a war which could end up with catastrophic consequences given that both nations possess nuclear weapons. 'Annulling' the Indus Waters Treaty unilaterally is legally complex and might have significant risks for India's international standing and also ensuring regional stability. Completely stopping the natural flow of rivers into Pakistan is also not immediately feasible. India must also not forget that China too is waiting to use water as a weapon. Therefore, what is required at the moment is not to over react. India needs to take steps, patiently and diplomatically, to isolate Pakistan from its staunch supporters and to dent its influence in the Muslim world.

A.Thirugnanasambantham,
Coimbatore

What happened in Pahalgam will scar Kashmir for years to come. Precious lives have been lost, families shattered, and a region already fatigued by decades of suffering has been left in shock once again. The Pahalgam carnage was a deliberate attempt to instil fear, fuel division, and weaponise religion.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

It is good to see that all political parties have risen as one and expressed their support to whatever measures the Centre is going to take. Any response should not be too hasty, as it could cost the country goodwill. There needs to be a well-drafted plan based on sound intelligence.

S.V. Venkatakrishnan,
Bengaluru

India's strong line — that 'India will identify, trace and punish every terrorist involved in this dastardly assault' — has obviously shaken Pakistan. India's neighbour must note that the bond between India and Kashmir cannot be broken. Steps must be taken to isolate radical and violent elements in Kashmir.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

India should not be satisfied with the initial steps taken after the Pahalgam attack but should systematically expose Pakistan's terror network globally. India should leverage new allies such as Saudi Arabia to further isolate Pakistan, and pressure China not to obstruct the listing of and sanctions on Pakistani-backed terrorists. If China changes its stance, it will be a major setback for Pakistan's terror networks. The unprecedented public anger after the Pahalgam attack is severely damaging Pakistan's narrative. Now is the time for India to vigorously expose Islamabad's support for terrorism globally and also campaign to uproot all the structures that fuel terrorism.

Mohammad Asad,
Mumbai

The crux of the problem is identifying and locating the perpetrators of crime at Pahalgam. Without local support and a recce, the attack could not have been executed. Therefore, the starting point is zeroing in on local handlers. Once they are identified, the rest of the investigation falls in place. Last but not the least: utmost restraint from both sides is the need of the hour lest it become another Palestine issue.

A.V. Narayanan,
Chennai

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Shikara owners protest on the Dal Lake in Srinagar against the terrorist attack on tourists in Baisaran valley of Pahalgam in southern Kashmir. IMRAN NISSAR

The meadow cries out in fear and grief

Baisaran, surrounded by the mighty Himalayas that stand against an azure sky, has fallen silent. Here, on April 22, terrorists killed 24 tourists from across India, one from Nepal, and one local man who tried to protect them. **Peerzada Ashiq** reports on how, four days after, those who lost loved ones are in disbelief, the country collectively rages, while the people of Kashmir grieve the loss of a delicate peace

Trigger warning: The following has references to violence. Please avoid reading if you may be disturbed by the details.

Nestled at an altitude of 8,000 feet amidst lush pine forests, only the jungle crows break the eerie silence around the Baisaran meadow, 5 kilometres from Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. The 10-foot-high chain-linked fencing stands witness to what happened here, between 2:40 p.m. and 3 p.m. on April 22. In the light afternoon sun, when the meadow held about 250 people, most tourists, a group of at least four terrorists selectively killed 25 tourists and injured 16 others on the basis of their religion. A ponywala, one of about 150 who ferries people up to Baisaran, was also killed when he tried to protect the tourists.

Outside the meadow, on the pony trek path, mud and boulders bear the marks of the flying bullets. Slippers and shoes of varying sizes, including that of children, are half stuck in mud. Broken sunglasses, purses, shattered phones lie scattered. Inside the meadow, the orange and blue chairs of the open-air food court that served noodles, tea, and *paani puri*, are scattered, marked with blood. The zipline attached to a pine tree has fallen silent; the zorbing balls are still. Even the fragrance of pine is mixed with a stench.

Going downhill

"I cannot sleep after what I saw. I stood there scanning one body after another. Women and children were wailing, calling for help. The scene keeps playing in my mind when I try to sleep," says Abdul Waheed Wani, 38, a pony owner who is also president of the Baisaran Pony Operators Association. Abdul and his younger brother Sajad Wani, were the first to reach the spot after the terrorists' guns fell silent. He says he froze for a minute, then gathered himself and choking, sent a voice note to a WhatsApp group of pony operators. "There are bodies on the ground, injured. We need help. Rush all horsemen and ponywalas to Baisaran," he had said, in Urdu.

Abdul also shot a video of the scene to share on the group, to give them the scale of the tragedy. The video has been shared across social media many times now. Then, he says, he moved from person to person saying, "*Sab theek ho jayga*" (Everything will be fine). Looking back, Abdul recalls he was reassuring a child whose father was dead, and two women whose husbands were killed. "I couldn't tell the child his father was dead. I decided to focus on shifting people to Pahalgam hospital. Many were shifted on horseback. My brother Sajad carried one injured tourist on his shoulders," says Abdul.

The duo emptied a vendor's charpoy full of sunglasses and converted it into a stretcher to shift the injured. He remembers that many tourists who climbed the fencing were killed outside the boundary wall. Syed Adil Hussain Shah, 28, a ponywala from Anantnag district's Hapatnar, was shot dead for resisting the attackers. The injured, 16 in all, have been shifted to the army hospital in Srinagar.

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>
> **ANUSHKA MONE**
> Survivor

Baisaran is out of bounds for tourists now. Pahalgam was once Bollywood's favourite haunt, where blockbusters like the Rajesh Khanna-starrer *Roti* (1974) and Ranbir Kapoor-starrer *Rockstar* (2011) were shot. "Around 1,500 visitors would visit Baisaran every day. It provided a livelihood to over 500 locals, from pony operators to shawl sellers," says Shafi Wani, another pony operator.

Mumbai's maidan mourns

On April 23, the grief shifted to another meadow: Hundreds gathered in the evening in Bhagshala maidan in Dombivli, on the outskirts of Mumbai, to mourn the deaths of cousins Atul Mone (42), Hemant Joshi (48), and Sanjay Lele (47), three victims of the Pahalgam terror attack. Dombivli observed a bandh to protest the killings.

The photos of the cousins lined Karve road, which was barricaded for vehicular movement. In the maidan, on a stage cloaked in white, were larger-than-life black-and-white pictures of the three men, forming a backdrop. A few metres away were more pictures for people to pay homage with flowers.

At 8 p.m. the bodies were carried on to stage, in the presence of Maharashtra's Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis. The families bid their last goodbyes, before taking the bodies to the cremation ground, about 2 km away, on foot.

Before the caskets were lifted, the crowd chanted in anger, "Pakistan Murdabad!" Mone's daughter, Richa, a 12th-grade student, performed the last rites for her father. On April 20, the three families had boarded a train to Ahmedabad, then flew to Srinagar for a vacation they had been planning for a while.

A day after the funeral, Atul's wife, Anushka, recounts the horrific day: "We had reached Baisaran around 1 or 1.30. Suddenly we heard gunfire, but mistook it for some adventure activity. In no time, we saw men carrying guns. Their faces were covered. They asked us whether we were Hindu or Muslim four times. When none of us said anything, my husband asked them, 'Why are you pointing guns at us? We have not done anything.' And they shot him," she says, breaking down.

Richa remembers that there was no escape. They sat, frozen in fear. "After they left, we were in a state of confusion. A few hours later, military and the police escorted us. There were very few choppers. At such a major tourist destination, how come there was no security?" she says.

At the army base in Pahalgam, Anushka remembers, "A woman with two children was fainting in fear. It was a nightmare we never thought we would encounter."

Grief hits in many spaces

The newly-wed Himanshi, 24, from Haryana's Gurugram, sitting beside the body of her husband Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, 26, on the meadow, became the snapshot of the Pahalgam tragedy. The image was widely circulated on social and news media soon after the terror attack, just six days after the two had tied the knot at a wedding ceremony in Mussoorie.

They had planned to fly to Switzerland for their honeymoon, but when they didn't get a visa, decided on Pahalgam, often called mini Switzerland. Vinay, who was from Karnal, in Haryana, dreamt of joining the Indian Air Force to become a fighter pilot. Considered too tall at 6 feet, 3 inches, he joined the Indian Navy.

Vinay's father, Rajesh, a sales tax official in the Haryana government, says, "This is going to stay with us for the rest of our lives." He keeps his composure, remembering his son as an "outstanding student" and a "dashing young officer".

In a video that went viral in the aftermath of the attack, Himanshi can be heard saying, "I was eating *bhelpuri* and my husband was standing by my side. A man came and shot him."

Breaking news

Arathy Sarath, 37, from Kochi, Kerala, remembers three things: her father, N. Ramachandran, 65, being shot dead; a gun thrust to the back of her head by the same militant moments later; and her 7-year-old twins screaming. "I don't know whether he intended to shoot me or did it merely to scare me. He probably spared me after hearing my children," she says. Later, she joined the others fleeing down the hilltop along the horse route to the town. She rang her local cab driver, Musafir, who drove them away to safety.

Sheela, Sarath's mother, did not go to Baisaran, as it involved a steep trek. "In the hotel room, I ensured the cable TV network remained disconnected. Even when I spoke to the cops, I asked them not to tell my mother about the tragedy," she says. Later, at the Srinagar airport, she shielded her mother from those mourning. Sheela didn't know her husband's body was on the same flight on which she returned.

"Musafir and another local driver, Sameer, were with me all through, including when I stood outside the morgue until 3 in the morning. They treated me like a younger sister. Kashmir has now given me two brothers," she says. "Let Allah keep you safe," were her parting words to them. On social media, when she recounted her words, social media spewed anger and hatred. A national tragedy was used to stoke hatred.

Security at risk

Many tourists confirmed to security officials that the terrorists were wearing khaki and black. The police has announced a reward of ₹20 lakh each for information on Adil Hussain Thoker, a resident of Anantnag; Ali Bhai alias Talha Bhai and Hasim Musa alias Suleiman, both Pakistan nationals. The houses of Thoker and another suspect Asif Sheikh from Tral in Pulwama district have been demolished during search operations by security forces, who believe they belong to the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which has allegedly claimed responsibility for the attack.

Kashmir's ruling National Conference leader and Pahalgam MLA Altaf Kaloo sees a security lapse. "It's a clear case of intelligence failure. Now, if they had intelligence and did not act, questions need to be raised. A tourist spot not manned by one armed policeman highlights the grave lapse of security," he says.

Officials in security agencies said there were intelligence inputs about terrorists identifying a "high-value target" in J&K. One input even identified the tourism industry as terrorists' likely target, officials said.

Officials from the Home Ministry and the Intelligence Bureau have said there was no police permission to open the Baisaran meadow to tourists.

Pahalgam is one of Kashmir's three main holiday hill-stations, the other two being Gulmarg and Sonmarg, all vulnerable to militants because of tough topography. Baisaran has posed a challenge to security agencies in the past too. During the 2024 Amarnath yatra, it was closed for 52 days, following sightings of armed men nearby.

On one side of Baisaran are craggy mountain cliffs, snow-capped peaks, and deep valleys, connecting Pahalgam with Kishtwar district's Warwan area in the Chenab valley. "It takes two to three days of trekking from Baisaran to Warwan valley," a local trekker said.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the attack, with India downgrading diplomatic ties with its neighbour, holding the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance, and asking that Pakistani citizens leave the country by April 27. Pakistan closed air space for Indian carriers and the Pakistan army reportedly fired across the Line of Control.

Tourism season takes a hit

According to J&K government figures, the State has seen an upswing in tourist footfall over the past few years. In 2024, there was a record 2.36 crore visitors, with a revival in border tourism for the first time in 30 years, in regions like Gurez, Keran, and Karnah.

In the forests and small hamlets between Langanbal and Yanner, adjacent to Pahalgam, a 10-km long stretch, dozens of new hotels are being constructed. "The hotels came up with the hope that all segments of tourists could be catered to," says Niyaz Ahmad, a hotelier. "People took huge loans from banks to invest in the tourism sector. The investments are gone for now," he adds.

From hoteliers to cab owners, the act of terror has dented the prospects of tourism in Kashmir. Tanveer Ahmad, 33, has run cabs for tourists for many years. This year, Ahmad bought four more taxis against loans. "Most of my cabs were booked for April and May. Within 24 hours of the Pahalgam attack, there were 47 cancellations for April and 28 for May," Ahmad says.

Tilak Singh, 38, a lawyer from Tamil Nadu, is staying put. "We decided to stay back because our hosts provided us a sense of security and hospitality," says Singh.

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A day after people were killed, security personnel patrol Pahalgam, in Anantnag district; a tourist in shock and grief. IMRAN NISSAR & ANI

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Tension grips LoC amid crackdown on militants

A Raj Bhavan spokesman said that Mr. Sinha had called for "effective steps not only to bring those responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack to justice but also to intensify efforts to crush infrastructure of terrorism and its ecosystem".

Meanwhile, the homes of two Kashmiri LeT terrorists suspected of being behind the Pahalgam attack were destroyed. The houses of Asif Sheikh at Tral, Pulwama district, and Adil Thoker in Bijbehara, Anantnag, were razed to the ground, apparently using explosives, several media outlets reported in Srinagar.

According to the police, Thoker was directly involved in the Pahalgam attack and his sketch was released a day ago with a bounty of ₹20 lakh. Sheikh is believed to have conspired in the attack.

'Misuse of Waqf law led to amendments'

The entire response of the Centre, along with annexures, is over a thousand pages long, and objects to the possibility of any kind of judicial stay on the full implementation of the amendments.

On April 16, the three-judge Bench recorded an assurance by the government that it will neither denotify any waqf properties, including waqf-by-user ones, nor make any appointments of non-Muslims to the Central Waqf Council or the States Waqf Boards under the 2025 Act.

The Centre said that the "phenomenal" increase in waqf property and serious complaints of land-grabbing had convinced Parliament to enact the will of the people through a new law.

The government, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and nodal counsel Kanu Agrawal, said that removing the concept of 'waqf-by-user' in the 2025 amendments did not deprive a Muslim of his right to create a waqf.

"Under the proviso to Section 3[1][r], no trust, deed or any documentary proof has been insisted upon in the amendment or even prior thereto. The only mandatory requirement for being protected under the proviso is that such 'waqf-by-user' must be registered as on April 8, 2025, as registration has always been mandatory as per the statute governing waqfs since last 100 years," the Centre said. Only those who evaded registration to avoid being accountable under a statutory regime or revealing transactions of land dealings would be in trouble.

The government said that enabling a minority of non-Muslims to be members of the Central Waqf Council and the State Waqf Boards did not fall foul of the religious rights of Muslims. Of a total 22 Council members, only four would be non-Muslims, while only three in 11 members of individual State Waqf Boards would be non-Muslim.

Besides, the Centre said, the Central Waqf Council and the State Boards were not responsible for the performance of the religious functions associated with the waqf property. They only performed the secular function of administration of waqf properties, it said. Article 26 of the Constitution did not confer an "absolute right" to administer a property in accordance with the tenets of religion, the government argued. "The state's regulation of endowments, including under the Waqf Act, the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Acts, and public trust laws, is not a violation of religious freedoms or any principles of arbitrariness," the Centre submitted.

Baisaran was always open to public: J&K

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Day after officials from the Union Home Ministry informed an all-party meeting that police permission was not sought for opening the Baisaran meadow, where 26 people were killed by terrorists on April 22, a senior Jammu and Kashmir government official told *The Hindu* that police authorisation has never been sought for the tourist spot, which is open throughout the year, barring snowy months.

The official said the J&K Police were yet to formally communicate with the Union Territory administration regarding the permit issue.

"The Baisaran meadow has remained open for tourists for years," the official said.

A poster at the gate of the "Picnic Spot" says that it is operated by the Pahalgam Development Authority in Anantnag district, and the cost of an entry ticket is ₹35 a person.

J&K was demoted from a State to a Union Territory with an Assembly in 2019, after which the first elections were held in 2024. The responsibility for the maintenance of law and order, police, and the security grid lies with the Lieutenant-Governor's office and the Home Ministry, while tourism comes under the ambit of the U.T.'s elected administration.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had told MPs at an all-party meeting on Thursday that just under 1,000 tourists visited the Baisaran meadow from April 20 to 22. He said that hotel and resort owners in Pahalgam should have been responsible and followed the security protocol before sending the tourists there, MPs who attended the meeting told *The Hindu*.

An Intelligence Bureau official informed the parliamentarians that the attack is suspected to have been carried out by loose groups of militants belonging to Pakistan-backed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba and its proxy The Resistance Front, who are "operating in the higher reaches".

SC stays summons to Rahul Gandhi in defamation case over remarks on Savarkar

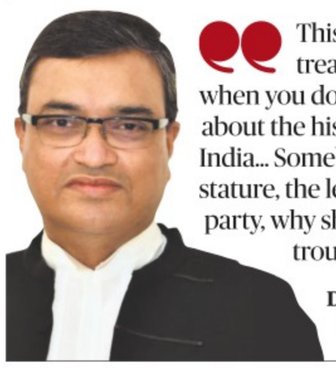
The Bench cautions Congress leader against making derogatory comments on freedom fighters; says it will take *suo motu* action against the Leader of Opposition if he makes such remarks again

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed summons issued to Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in a defamation case accusing him of making derogatory remarks against Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar during his *Bharat Jodo Yatra* in Maharashtra last year.

A Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan, however, gave a stern warning to Mr. Gandhi, represented by senior advocate A.M. Singhvi and advocate Prasanna S., asking him not to indulge in making such "statements against our freedom fighters who gave us freedom".

Justice Datta said should he make such remarks again, the top court would take *suo motu* cognisance of it and there would be no question of sanction before initiating proceedings against him. "This is not the way to treat our freedom fighters. They have given us freedom," Justice Datta said.



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> **DIPANKAR DATTA**
> Supreme Court Judge

The judge asked what prompted Mr. Gandhi to make these statements in Maharashtra where Savarkar was "worshipped as God".

Referring to Mr. Gandhi's remarks that Savarkar addressed himself as "most obedient servant" in a communication to the British authorities, Justice Datta asked Mr. Singhvi, "Does your client know that even Mahatma Gandhi used 'your faithful servant' while addressing the Viceroy? Does he know that his grandmother, while she was Prime Minister, sent a letter to somebody praising this gentleman, the freedom fighter?"

Justice Datta said Mr. Gandhi had a "good point in law" which would entitle him to an order of stay on the summons.

In his petition, Mr. Gandhi said freedom of expression was essential for a dignified life and guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

The Congress leader said the proceedings against him were "clearly frivolous, vexatious and designed to inflict the criminal process as a virtual punishment and deterrent for the free exercise of his freedoms and from freely performing his duty as a responsible Opposition political leader at the national level". Mr. Singhvi submitted it was not Mr. Gandhi's intention to create enmity between the classes.

"But this is not the way you treat our freedom fighters when you do not know anything about the history, geography of India... Somebody of your stature, the leader of a political party, why should you foment trouble like this? In Calcutta, our judges address the Chief Justice as 'your obedient servant'. One does not become a servant like that. Tomorrow, somebody can say Mahatma Gandhi was a servant of the British... You are encouraging these sorts of statements," Justice Datta admonished Mr. Gandhi's side.

Trial court order

The trial court, while summoning Mr. Gandhi, had observed that he had spread hatred and ill-will in society through his speech in which he had said that Savarkar was a servant of the British and that he took a pension from the British.

The Bench listed the case after eight weeks.

NEET-UG paper leak prime accused arrested in Patna

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Sanjeev Mukhiya

The suspected mastermind in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) 2024 question paper leak case, Sanjeev Mukhiya, was arrested by the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) team in Patna on Friday.

Mukhiya was also wanted in several other paper leak cases in Bihar and he was reported to be absconding for the last 11 months.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, EOU Additional Director General (ADG) Nayyar Hasnain Khan said: "In the course of intelligence gathering by the Economic Offences Unit's SOG (Special Operations Group), it was learnt that Sanjeev Mukhiya, a criminal with a reward of ₹3 lakh declared by the Bihar government, who is the mastermind of various exam paper leak cases and is wanted in many cases, was staying in an apartment in Danapur, Patna."

Information verified

After verifying the information and a recce, the team passed on the details to Mr. Khan who requested the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patna, to direct the Danapur police station incharge for cooperation in this regard.

Later, the Special Operation Team of the EOU was directed to conduct a raid for the arrest of Mukhiya.

Danapur raid

The team raided an apartment in Danapur on the night of April 24 with the help of the local police and arrested Sanjeev Mukhiya alias Sanjeev Kumar.

"Since his involvement in the NEET-UG exam paper leak case is also there, the CBI team is also with us which is already investigating the case. He is being questioned by the EOU," Mr. Khan said.

After producing him before the court, he would be handed over to the CBI, Mr. Khan said and added that a recommendation is being sent to Bihar to reward the personnel involved in the raid.

Delhi court grants bail to Medha Patkar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Hours after the arrest of Narmada Bachao Andolan activist Medha Patkar by the Delhi Police following issuance of a non-bailable warrant (NBW), a Delhi court on Friday directed her release subject to her furnishing probation bonds and depositing ₹1 lakh fine.

She has been given time till May 3 to furnish bonds after she requested to be released to fulfil the court's conditions. Police had arrested Ms. Patkar after a court had issued an NBW against her on April 23 in an over two-decades-old defamation case filed by Delhi Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena, who then headed an Ahmedabad-based non-governmental organisation named 'Council for Civil Liberties'.

India, France to finalise ₹63,000-cr. deal for 26 Rafale-M jets on April 28

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

India and France are set to formally announce the conclusion of the ₹63,000-crore deal for 26 Rafale-M fighter jets on Monday, official sources confirmed.

With the French Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu deferring his visit to India due to personal reasons, the government-to-government (G-to-G) deal is now being inked by the two Ministers remotely, sources in the know said.

"The G-to-G agreement has been signed by the French Minister, and will be signed separately by the Indian Minister [Rajnath Singh]. A ceremony on Monday to announce this will be presided by the French Ambassador in India, Thierry Mathou, and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh," sources said. Some government-to-business agreements will be signed at the ceremony, sources added.

Smooth landing: A Rafale-M fighter jet landing on French carrier *Charles de Gaulle*. DINAKAR PERI

The visit of the French Defence Minister was deferred a day before the Pahalgam terror attack and had nothing to do with the current situation, sources said.

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, delivery of the jets will start in three-and-a-half years once the contract is signed, and will be completed in about six-and-a-half years. The deal is for 22 single-seat jets that can operate off aircraft carriers and four twin-seat trainer jets that aren't carrier compatible. The Indian Air Force already operates 36 Rafale jets acquired under a ₹60,000-crore deal signed in September 2016.

The Navy operates two aircraft carriers - *INS Vikramaditya* procured from Russia, and the indigenously built *INS Vikrant*, commissioned in September 2022.

Indian aircraft carriers use a ski-jump to launch aircraft, and arrester cables to recover aircraft that use a tail hook. The lifts (used to move aircraft) onboard Indian carriers were built to accommodate the in-service Russian MiG-29K jets.

This would necessitate minor modifications to Rafales so that they can be accommodated on the lifts.

DRDO makes headway in hypersonic technology

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Friday announced a significant milestone in the field of hypersonic weapon technology with the demonstration of long-duration Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor ground testing for more than 1,000 seconds.

"The ground-test is in continuation of the earlier test reported for 120 seconds in January 2025. With the successful test, the system will be soon ready for full-scale flight-worthy combustor testing," the DRDO said in a statement. "This test validates the design of long duration scramjet combustor as well as test facility."

Over a dozen annual reports of SC, ST and OBC panels yet to be made public

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

Since the reports deal with a wide range of subjects, it took time to prepare action-taken reports, say officials

More than a dozen crucial annual reports of the National Commissions for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) have not been made public for up to seven years now. While the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) have not submitted their annual reports to the President for the last two years, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has not done so for three years.

The three commissions have a constitutional mandate to submit these reports to the President every year with a review of the implementation of safeguards meant for these communities. This mandate gives the panels powers to recommend any necessary action the Union and State governments could take for the "protection, welfare, and socio-economic development" of these communities.

In the past, these recommendations have gone into broad areas of policy-making, including different aspects of reservation, criteria for creamy-layer exclusion, categorisation of communities, and health and infrastructure interventions.

In addition to the seven reports, the NCSC's annual report of 2022-23, submitted to the President in mid-February of 2024, is yet to be tabled in Parliament. Similarly, five annual reports of the NCST, from 2018-19 to 2022-23, had been submitted to the President but had not been tabled in Parliament yet.

Regular procedure for making these reports public requires the government to lay them in Parliament with action-taken reports. Those familiar with panels' working explained that since the reports deal with a wide range of subjects, including those related to State governments, it took time to prepare the action-taken reports.

Officials working with the NCSC said that the commission was working on the annual reports for the last two years and they will "soon be submitted to the President". NCST officials said the annual report for 2023-24 would be "going to print soon", and the drafting team had been formed for the 2024-25 report.

NCBC Chairperson, Hansraj Gangaram Ahir told *The Hindu* that the annual reports for 2022-23 and 2023-24 were "getting printed as we speak" and will be submitted to the President soon. "We are also working on the annual report 2024-25," he said.

A former official of the NCST told *The Hindu* that apart from the action-taken reports taking time, "there is an issue of how much resources the panels have to prepare the reports and the priority that nodal Ministries give to tabling these reports".

National Herald case: court refuses to issue notices to Sonia, Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday refused to issue notices to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and others in the *National Herald* money laundering case being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate.

Special Judge Vishal Gogne of the Rouse Avenue Court asked the central agency to bring more documents on record and clear the defects.

The order came on a plea filed by the ED which argued that under the law, cognisance of a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) cannot be taken without hearing the accused and, therefore, notices should be issued to the accused in the case. However, the judge said the court must first be convinced of the need to issue such a notice and posted the case for May 2.

The case is that a ₹90 crore loan advanced by the Congress to Associated Journals Ltd (AJL), owner of the *National Herald*, was later transferred to Young Indian, a private company, for a consideration of ₹50 lakh.

It has been alleged that there was misappropriation of assets of over ₹2,000 crore in an equity transaction.

The complaint in the case was filed by senior BJP leader Subramanian Swamy who highlighted a criminal conspiracy by Ms. Gandhi, her son Rahul, late Motilal Vohra, late Oscar Fernandes, Suman Dubey, Sam Pitroda, and Young Indian.

Pakistan won't get a drop of water: Patil

Govt. preparing 'short, medium and long-term plans' for this, says Water Resources Minister after meeting Shah; his remark comes a day after India announced that it was putting on hold the six-decade-old Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, which is fully dependent on the Indus tributaries

Jacob Koshy
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

A dam on the Indus river system in Reasi, J&K. Nearly 93% of the water from Indus is used for irrigation, powering the country's agricultural backbone and contributes nearly 25% of Pakistan's GDP. PTI

India will ensure that "not a drop of water will go to Pakistan", Water Resources Minister C.R. Patil said on Friday.

The government was preparing "short, medium and long-term plans" to implement this, he told reporters, after a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The Indus river system - Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej - is Pakistan's main source of water. Eighty per cent of its cultivated land, which is about 16 million hectares, relies on water from the Indus system. Nearly 93% of the water from Indus is used for irrigation, powering the country's agricultural backbone and overall contributes nearly 25% of the country's GDP.

Mr. Patil's statement follows a letter on Thursday by Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, to her Pakistan counterpart, Syed Ali Murtaza, that India was keeping the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) "in abeyance with immediate effect".

"The obligation to honour a treaty in good faith is fundamental to a treaty. However, what we have seen instead is sustained cross-border terrorism by Pakistan targeting the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," her letter says.

The "security uncertainties" have directly impeded India's "full utilisation rights", and Pakistan's action of not responding to previous requests by India to renegotiate the treaty was a "breach of trust".

A government source told *The Hindu* that as Pakistan had been informed about India's position on the treaty, there was "no need" to inform the World Bank (WB), which has historically played a role as an arbiter or appointed neutral experts to solve differences between India and Pakistan on sharing the waters from the Indus system of rivers.

Water warfare: Pak.

Pakistan's Power Minister Awais Leghari on Thursday said India's "reckless suspension" of the Indus Waters Treaty was an" act of water warfare."

A spokesperson for the World Bank said "it did not opine" on "treaty-related sovereign decisions taken by its member countries."

Following the Pahalgam attack, India announced on Wednesday that it would hold the IWT, in place since 1960, "in abeyance". On the surface, this implies that India will stop its periodic communication with Pakistan on sharing hydrological data on the Indus rivers, or keep them apprised of infrastructural work on hydroelectric projects in the Chenab, Jhelum and the Indus main, also known as the western rivers.

However, even prior to the Pahalgam incident, the Permanent Indus Commission - or the teams of experts from India and Pakistan that attempt to resolve disputes regarding the sharing of the waters of the Indus basin - has not convened since 2022. India in 2023 had called on Pakistan to "renegotiate" the treaty primarily because several of the original circumstances that prevailed when the treaty was signed had changed. Among them were changes in the population structure, water requirements, the threat from climate-related cataclysms and 'cross-border terrorism'. These were among the reasons India cited to renegotiate the six-decade-old treaty.

The main ask was to evolve a new dispute resolution mechanism. Under the terms of the IWT, India cannot create significant hydropower storage on the western rivers – Indus, Jhelum, Chenab – and must maintain water levels at prescribed levels, to ensure that no untoward flooding or disruption of Pakistan's agriculture happens. Its prominent hydropower projects on these rivers such as the Kishenganga project and Baglihar project are run-of-the river, meaning they divert the flow of the river to generate electricity. These projects do not halt the flow by creating storage structures, though in nearly all the disputes over the years regarding hydel projects, Pakistan has accused India of modifying the design of structures to be able to perniciously control the flow of the rivers. India had then clarified that its intentions were purely to keep the projects running in optimal conditions. "For India to weaponise the waters of the Indus, it has to completely ignore the IWT. Under the current terms of the treaty, this can't be done," said a scientist affiliated to the Central Water Commission.

Following the Pahalgam attack, sources told *The Hindu* that India will explore "options that it has never considered" under the IWT. This could include withdrawing from talks around evolving a new dispute resolution mechanism, change the design of its hydropower electric projects to allow it to store greater quantities of water and deploy 'draw down flushing' of its reservoirs. Flushing, normally done to keep the water-bearing tunnels free from silt and debris, can also be used to control the flow of rivers downstream.

INBRIEF

Govt. revokes 14 types of visas given to Pakistani nationals

The government has revoked 14 categories of visas, including those of business, conference, visitor and pilgrim, given to Pakistani nationals following the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 people were killed, the Union Home Ministry said on Friday. Following the Cabinet Committee on Security's decision, Union Home Minister Amit Shah called up all the Chief Ministers and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in their States beyond the deadline set for leaving the country. The order will not apply to long term visas, and diplomatic and official visas, the Home Ministry said. PTI

NIA searches 18 locations in Pak.-backed smuggling case

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has carried out searches at 18 locations in five States and one Union Territory in a case linked to Pakistan-backed smuggling of arms and narcotics by "Khalistani" operatives. "Several electronic devices and other incriminating materials were seized during the searches, conducted on Thursday at 18 locations in Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Karnataka," the agency said. It said: "NIA teams are examining the seized items to unravel the entire conspiracy behind the smuggling and the radicalisation of individuals..."

NHRC asks State to fix accountability for attack

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Three days after 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Friday condemned the attack and urged the government to fix accountability for bringing the perpetrators to justice.

In a communiqué, the NHRC said that it is deeply disturbed by the news of the killings, which were carried out after identifying the faith of the victims.

"The Commission condemns the dastardly attack on the unarmed and unsuspecting innocent civilians who were on a holiday to the valley. The incident has shaken the conscience of every right thinking human being as a serious issue of violation of human rights of the innocent victims and their families," it said, adding that the state should give succour to victims' families.

Opposition will support any action taken by Centre, says Rahul in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, who held a series of meetings in Srinagar and met the Pahalgam terror attack victims, on Friday said the entire Opposition will support whatever action the Centre wants to take after the killing of 26 civilians in Baisaran.

"The entire people of J&K have condemned this terrible action, and they have fully supported the nation. I met one of the people who was injured. The idea behind what has happened is to divide society, to make brothers fight brothers. And it is very important that every single Indian stands united, stands together, so that we can defeat what the terrorists were trying to do," Mr. Gandhi said.

The Congress leader said everybody needs to know that the whole nation was standing together as one.

"We had a meeting yesterday with the government, and the united Opposition condemned this action and said that we are there to support whatever action the government wants to take," he added.

Standing shoulder to shoulder: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with a person who was injured in the Pahalgam terror attack, at a hospital in Srinagar on Friday. IMRAN NISSAR

Meets Omar, L-G

The Congress leader arrived in Srinagar on Friday and met J&K Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. He also visited the Army hospital in Srinagar, where the Pahalgam attack victims were being treated.

Later, he held a series of meetings with tourism stakeholders and students. "I came here to get a sense of what is going on and to help," Mr. Gandhi said.

After meeting him, Tawseef Bhat, president of the Kashmir Traders and Manufacturers, said: "Mr. Gandhi was cordial with us. We wanted to convey that we are also Indians and peace loving."

A delegation of the Jammu and Kashmir Students Association also met the leader. The delegation, led by Nasir Khuehami, shared a ground-level account of the growing insecurity and psychological trauma faced by Kashmiri students, especially in the wake of surcharged national events and divisive political rhetoric.

Why was PM not present at all-party meeting: Trinamool

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress on Friday continued to target the Union government over the Pahalgam terror attack and questioned the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the all-party meeting on Thursday.

Several leaders of the ruling party in West Bengal said the Prime Minister had instead chosen to go campaigning in poll-bound Bihar. Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Sagarika Ghose said the Prime Minister not engaging with the Opposition in a moment of national crisis was "strange".

"When the country is numbed & grieving over a major terror attack in #Pahalgam, when Opposition parties have given their full support to the Government of India for the actions it wishes to take, for @narendramodi to stay away from the All Party Meeting and instead attend a campaign rally in Bihar within 48 hours of Pahalgam is strange. In an hour of grave crisis, surely the Prime Minister must be the one taking the Opposition into confidence," Ms. Ghose posted on X.

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> Rajya Sabha MP

LoPs present

Saket Gokhale, another Trinamool Congress MP, said "All political parties came together last evening to support the Union government in responding to the attack. Leaders of Opposition from both the Houses of Parliament were present. But Modi didn't feel that 26 Indian lives are important."

Protests against Pak. mark Friday prayers in U.P.

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

People attending Friday prayers in mosques across Uttar Pradesh, including the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal, wore black bands in protest against the Pahalgam attack. Carrying placards and raising slogans against Pakistan, they called for the strictest action against the "nation sponsoring terror".

Demonstrations were held outside mosques in Lucknow, Rampur, Varanasi, Aligarh, Moradabad, Sambhal, and Agra. "The attackers and handlers responsible for the barbaric act should be punished," a protester said.

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After Assam MLA, eight people held in Northeast for 'offensive' post on Pahalgam

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

A day after an Assam MLA was arrested for linking the Pahalgam terror attack to the top Bharatiya Janata Party leadership, eight people were arrested in two Northeastern States on Friday for "offensive" social media posts on the incident that left 26 people dead. A journalist, a college student, a lawyer, and a student activist were among the eight people arrested.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said they were arrested for "promoting the cause of Pakistan" on social media. He said further arrests were under way as part of the ongoing crackdown.

"Assam will not tolerate any individual who, directly or indirectly, supports or defends Pakistan in connection with the heinous attack in Pahalgam," he posted on X.

The Meghalaya Police arrested a 30-year-old resident of Shillong on similar charges. Vivek Syiem, the East Khasi Hills district Superintendent of Police, said the man was taken into custody for "anti-national comments" in a video aired by a news channel.

The man allegedly supported the terrorists and said such attacks should be carried out across the Northeast.

On Thursday, the police had in central Assam's Nagaon district arrested All India United Democratic Front MLA Aminul Islam for linking the Pahalgam terror attack and the 2019 Pulwama incident to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

Members of the United Meitei-Pangal Committee, an organisation of Manipuri Muslims, wore black ribbons during the Friday prayers to protest the Pahalgam attack.

191 Pakistan nationals return home through Attari border; 287 Indians back to country

Press Trust of India
CHANDIGARH

A total of 191 Pakistani nationals visiting India returned home through the Attari-Wagah land route in Punjab's Amritsar on Friday, after the Centre set a 48-hour deadline for them to leave the country in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

A total of 287 Indian nationals, who were visiting the neighbouring country, have also returned, officials said.

A few women married in Pakistan but possessing Indian passports alleged that they were facing problems in going back, despite carrying the required documents.

An Indian citizen breaks down as she bids goodbye to her husband, a Pakistani citizen, at Attari border. REUTERS

A woman, married in Karachi, said she had come to Delhi for 15 days to meet her mother, who is a heart patient. She alleged that she was not being allowed to go back. Another woman, who came to India with her two children, demanded she be allowed to return to Pakistan.

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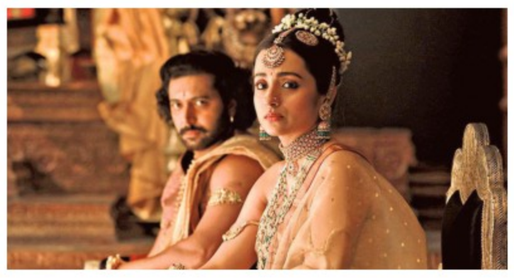
INBRIEF



Copyright case: Rahman, *PS-II* makers told to deposit ₹2 cr.

The Delhi High Court on Friday directed renowned music director and composer A.R. Rahman, along with the co-producers of the film *Ponniyin Selvan-II*, to deposit ₹2 crore with the court registry over an alleged copyright infringement related to the song *Veera Raja Veera* featured in the 2023 film. The order came on a lawsuit by classical vocalist Ustad Faiyaz Wasifuddin Dagar, who accused Mr. Rahman and the film's production houses of unauthorised use of a classical composition titled *Shiva Stuti*, originally composed by the Junior Dagar Brothers, the late Ustad N. Faiyazuddin Dagar and the late Ustad Zahiruddin Dagar.

First HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening validated

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), through its Grand Challenges India (GCI) initiative at Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), has announced the successful scientific review and validation of India's first indigenously developed Human Papillomavirus (HPV) test kits for cervical cancer screening. These test kits developed by Molbio Diagnostics Limited, Bangalore, and Mylab Discovery Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Pune, are a significant leap forward in improving cancer diagnostics in the country. The validation process also included a partnership with the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

Bombay HC grants Kamra interim relief from arrest

Court admits comedian's plea to quash FIR lodged against him on a complaint by Shiv Sena MLA, says police can continue their investigation; it directs police to record his statement in Chennai

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Friday admitted stand-up comedian and satirist Kunal Kamra's petition seeking to quash the FIR registered against him over his remarks during a comedy show and directed the Mumbai Police not to arrest him.

However, the Division Bench of Justice Sarang V. Kotwal and Justice S. M. Modak allowed the police to continue the investigation in the case. The Bench also directed the police to record his statement in Chennai, with the help of the local police.

"All these questions raised by both the sides deserve serious consideration. Hence, arguable points are raised and, therefore, we are inclined to admit this petition. The next question is regarding the interim relief which needs to be granted in this case," the Bench noted after hearing at length the arguments by senior advocate Navroz Seervai, for Mr. Kamra, and public prosecutor Hiten Venegavkar, for the Maharashtra government.

Kunal Kamra's petition was filed with the main prayer for quashing the FIR registered at the Khar police station. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Kamra's petition was filed with the main prayer for quashing the FIR registered at the Khar police station, based on a complaint by Shiv Sena MLA Murji Kanji Patel.

The three other prayers by Mr. Kamra were in the nature of interim reliefs – seeking stay of the entire investigation in connection with the said offence; seeking protection from any coercive measures, including arrest, seizure of his personal electronic devices and examination of his financial transactions and accounts; and directions against any further FIRs being registered for the same cause of action.

The court said that it was not inclined to grant a complete stay on the investigation, given that the petitioner had also shown a willingness to give his own statement. "It is the case of the petitioner that he has been receiving death threats. Therefore, his security is of concern. To that extent, some protection can be granted to him," the Bench observed.

Probe can continue

Mr. Seervai submitted that his client's statement could be recorded in Chennai if reasonable notice was given to Mr. Kamra. "Therefore, the investigation can continue. However, it is not necessary to arrest the petitioner. The police themselves have sent him a notice under Section 35(3) of the BNSS," the court said.

Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) outlines the procedure for a police officer to issue a notice to a suspect believed to have committed a congnisable offence but when the person's arrest is not deemed necessary.

"At the same time, since serious issues are being considered in this petition, it is necessary to give further protection to the petitioner in case the charge-sheet is filed so that the present petition does not become infructuous. In that context, the trial court can be directed not to proceed against the petitioner if the charge-sheet is filed," the Bench said. Passing the order, the court observed, "The petitioner shall not be arrested in connection with the C.R. No.194/2025 registered at Khar Police Station, Mumbai, during pendency of this Petition. However, the investigation in this case can continue."

Process to transfer PF account after job change simplified

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has removed the requirement of approval of all transfer claims at the "destination office" by launching a "Revamped Form 13" software functionality here on Friday. The EPFO said more than 1.25 crore subscribers will get the benefit of the new simplified process for transfer of PF account on change of jobs.

As of now, the transfer of PF accumulations is done with the involvement of two EPF offices, the source office and the destination office.

"Now, with an aim to further simplify the process, EPFO has removed the requirement of approval of all transfer claims at the destination office by launching a 'Revamped Form 13 software functionality'," the EPFO said in a statement.

With the new decision, once the transfer claim gets approved at the source office, the previous account will automatically get transferred to the present account of the member at the destination office instantly, the EPFO added. "This revamped functionality also provides the bifurcation of taxable and non-taxable components of PF accumulations to facilitate accurate calculation of tax deducted at source on taxable PF interest. It is expected to benefit more than 1.25 crore members facilitating the transfer of around ₹90,000 crore every year henceforth as the entire transfer process shall be speeded up," the EPFO added.

The EPFO has also relaxed the requirement of Aadhaar for generation of Universal Account Number/credit of past accumulations. "Also, a facility for bulk generation of UANs based on the Member Id and other member information available on record so as to enable prompt crediting of funds in the accounts of such members has been provided," the EPFO said.

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Kasturirangan took space to people, and beyond

Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai
is former Director, ISRO Satellite Centre. He worked with Dr. K. Kasturirangan from 1982 to 2003

Dr. Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan, the former ISRO Chairman, is no more. Starting as an X-ray astronomer, he grew up in positions, and his scholastic services as well as accomplishments in the fields of science, technology and education have left an indelible mark.

India started her national space programme in a very humble way in the late 60s, when the U.S. and Russia made their presence on the moon.

It was during Dr. Rangan's period stretching nine long years as the Chairman of the ISRO (1994-2003) that the Indian space programme smoothly graduated from the experimental phase to operational phase in the areas of earth observation satellites, communication satellites and launch services. His visionary approach made ISRO boldly venture into commercial space also, leasing 10 transponders of INSAT-2E satellite to INTELSAT, an international consortium for communication satellites, for $10 million as early as 1999. It is through this service that Indian households started seeing cable TV programmes in regional languages, and Indian TV programmes reached 47 countries.

During Dr. Rangan's tenure, PSLV and GSLV were made operational, making ISRO a complete space agency

Thematic missions

Dr. Kasturirangan has taken ISRO's slogan of 'Space for Society' in a true spirit when he came out with the thematic space missions, namely EDUSAT – for tele education, INSATs/GSATs – telemedicine and communication, RESOURCESAT – earth resources, METSAT – meteorology, OCEANSAT – oceanography , CARTOSAT – cartography, Meghatropique – earth science, ASTROSAT – space science, and Chandrayaan-1 – lunar science.

Dr. Rangan's initiative to translate the benefits of space to the real users at the last mile brought in a system called the National Natural Resource Management System (NNRMS) wherein various departments of the Government of India, namely, agriculture, forestry, town planning, water resource management, fisheries, health, education, etc. were enabled to harness the benefits. National and Regional Remote Sensing Agencies were also set up to serve the end users.

During Dr. Rangan's tenure, ISRO's launch vehicles, PSLV and GSLV, were made operational, making ISRO a complete national space agency on the lines of advanced countries.

It was Dr. Rangan's historic lecture on National Technology Day in 1999, ideating the technical possibility of India placing a satellite around the moon using PSLV, that germinated into a full-fledged project report in 2003. The project [Chandrayaan-1] was announced by then Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee on August 15, 2003, during his Independence day speech to the nation from the Red Fort. I was very fortunate to be hand-picked by Dr. Rangan as member secretary of the national task team that prepared the project report. It eventually made me the Project Director for Chandrayaan-1.

Dr. Kasturirangan's contributions to the well-debated National Education Policy 2020, his tenure as Rajya Sabha MP (2003-09) and Chairman of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission are glimpses of his tireless contribution to the future of the nation.

'A towering figure in India's scientific, educational journey'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

K. Kasturirangan, who passed away in Bengaluru on Friday, was the fifth Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation from 1994 to 2003. He was also the Secretary, Department of Space, for over nine years.

He is survived by his sons Rajesh Rangan and Sanjay Rangan.

During his four-decade-long career at the ISRO, he was part of several key missions. He was the project director of India's first two experimental earth observation satellites BHASKARA-I & II. He steered the first operational Indian Remote Sensing satellite IRS-1A.

When he served as ISRO Chairman, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) was launched and operationalised. The first successful flight testing ofthe Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) took place under his leadership.

Dr. K. Kasturirangan

Dr. Kasturirangan served as a member of the Rajya Sabha and was a member of the Planning Commission during the UPA government. More recently, Dr. Kasturirangan chaired the drafting committee for the National Education Policy, 2020, and headed the 12-member steering committee responsible for developing a new National Curriculum Framework.

He chaired an influential committee that tempered recommendations of an earlier committee led by ecologist Madhav Gadgil that proposed nearly 75% of the Western Ghats to be declared an "ecologically-sensitive area". Dr. Kasturirangan, following separate studies, recommended in 2013 that only about 37% be declared so and was seen as more accommodative of States, such as Kerala and Karnataka, who had said that the Western Ghats committee reports threatened their development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his condolence message, called Dr. Kasturirangan "a towering figure in India's scientific and educational journey".

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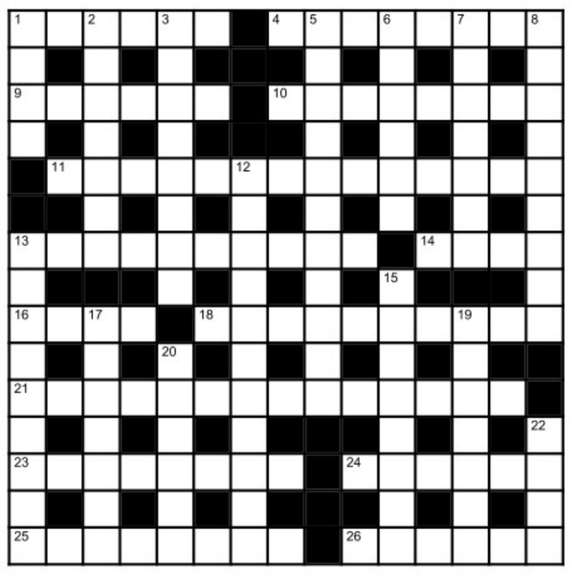

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4 Sensibilities affecting cold, detached economist (8)
9 Tom, Dick or Harry (most of those reading this) boring Hathaway, say (6)
10 Forefather captivated by dance story (8)
11 Mini cosmos in embassy (4,10)
13 Squibs essentially going into crackers out of place (10)
14 Fruit chaat (4)
16 Bob doesn't use chair, kneeling originally (4)
18 Software capturing racing cars registered in Burj Khalifa, for one (10)
21 Attempt to salvage via tense discussions during heated cult wars (6,2,6)
23 Roast about performance in shows (8)
24 A father stopped by priest for long (6)
25 Disheartened doctors nursing veteran's strange depression (8)
26 America declines applications (6)

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1 Instant photo (4)
2 Shy models in images for school subject (7)
3 Playing regularly, composer's skipping over main part (8)
5 Artists cropped missing Tamil reels (11)
6 Bees tested hold up - some fly (6)
7 Nest ultimately circled by large magnificent bird (7)
8 Jet through special skating arena next to the French river (9)
12 Poet and old character actor crossing my city (Manama), at last (4,7)
13 Global organization's detectives indeed on the fence (9)
15 Checks admitting million supporters of members? (8)
17 Lawyer cracking clue with son (7)
19 Making a pledge beneath park's shelter (7)
20 Basically observe crystals under light augmenting range of vision (6)
22 A man and woman heading for salon cuts (4)

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FAITH

It's a wonderful life

As children, we live in a world of wonderment, where every experience is a new adventure. However, as we grow into adults, the monotony of daily life often dulls our sense of awe. It is time to reclaim that wonderment and live more fulfilling lives, said Swami Mitrananda.

Consider the simple act of enjoying a handful of curd rice. Behind this everyday pleasure lies a complex web of factors: farms providing raw materials, roads connecting them to markets, storage facilities holding ingredients, and kitchen preparing the final dish. The same is true of every desire we fulfil. However, the process does not end there. Once we eat, our body works tirelessly to convert food into energy, repairing and growing tissues. This intricate dance of digestion, absorption and cellular processes is a marvel in itself.

Reflecting on the countless desires fulfilled since childhood, it is astonishing to think of the Lord's orchestration. Connecting people, resources and circumstances to meet our needs is a wonder. The *Bhagavad Gita* describes the atman as a wonder, beyond human comprehension.

Let us rediscover wonderment in our lives. By embracing awe and gratitude, we can live more happily. As the verse 29 in Chapter 2 of the *Gita* says, *"Ashcharya vat pashyati kashchid enan ashcharya vad vadati tathaiva chanyah ashcharya vach chainam anyah shrinoti shrutvapyenam veda na chaiva kashchit"* (Some see the atman as wonder, some describe it as wonderment, and some hear of the atman as wonder.)

Let us bring back that sense of wonder and live life to the fullest.

INBRIEF

Indian Bank reduces home, vehicle loan interest rates

Indian Bank said it has reduced home loan interest rates from the existing 8.15% (per annum) to 7.90% and vehicle loan rates from 8.50% to 8.25%. The lender's reduction aims to provide relief to borrowers by lowering EMIs and promoting affordable credit access. In addition to the reduced interest rates, the bank is also offering benefits such as discounted processing fees and zero documentation charges, Indian Bank said in a release.

Bank of Maharashtra Q4 net profit up 23% on higher NII

Bank of Maharashtra's standalone net profit increased 22.6% year-on-year to ₹1,493 crore on an increase in net interest income (NII) in the quarter ended March 31. NII increased 20.6% to ₹3,116 crore in the quarter under review. Net interest margin improved to 4.01% while Gross advances increased 17.8% to ₹2,39,837 crore. Gross non-performing assets ratio (NPA) declined to 1.74% while net NPA reduced to 0.18%, showing improving asset quality.

Over 86,000 AI Patents filed during 2010-2025: Nasscom

Some 86,000 AI Patents were filed in India during 2010-2025, accounting for over 25% of all tech patents filed in the country during this period, said Nasscom on Friday. The country's pace of innovation has accelerated dramatically, with the number of AI patents filed between 2021 and 2025 being seven times higher than those filed between 2010 and 2015. Notably, 63% of these AI patents originated in India, while 17% were first filed in the United States.

RIL Q4 net up 2.4% to ₹19,407 cr.

Board of directors approve dividend of ₹5.5 a share and a proposal to raise ₹25,000 crore via non-convertible debentures; O2C revenue for Q4 rose 15.4% to ₹1,64,613 crore on higher volumes and increased domestic product placement

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported 2.4% year-on-year growth in consolidated net profit (attributed to owners of the company) to ₹19,407 crore.

Gross revenue rose 8.8% to ₹2,88,138 crore on double-digit growth in O2C and consumer businesses.

For FY25, net profit remained almost flat at ₹69,648 crore compared with ₹69,621 crore.

Reliance posted record annual consolidated revenue of ₹10,71,174 crore, up 7.1% supported by continued revenue growth in consumer businesses and O2C businesses.

Maintaining momentum: Reliance Retail recorded a quarterly revenue of ₹88,620 crore, up 15.7%. REUTERS

Consolidated net debt as of March 31 was marginally up at ₹1,17,083 crore against ₹1,16,281 crore.

The board announced a dividend of ₹5.5 per share of face value of ₹10 for the year ended March and raising ₹25,000 crore via non-convertible debentures.

In Digital Services segment Jio Platforms reported quarterly net profit at ₹7,022 crore, up 25.7%. Jio reported 6.1 million net subscriber addition during the quarter driven by continued subscriber addition post tariff hike related churn and steady ramp up in home connects. Jio's subscriber base stood at 488.2 million on March 31.

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O2C Segment
Revenue for Q4 rose 15.4% to ₹1,64,613 crore on higher volumes and increased domestic product placement. Segment EBITDA slid 10% to ₹15,080 crore. Oil & Gas segment revenue for the quarter was lower by 0.4% YoY at ₹6,440 crore mainly on lower gas output and lower oil offtake from KGD6 basin.

Maruti Q4 net slips 4% on cost, to pay ₹135 dividend for FY25

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki's (MSIL) standalone net profit slipped 4.2% year-on-year to ₹3,711.1 crore as input costs rose in the last quarter of fiscal 2025. This number stood at ₹3,877.8 crore in corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Net sales grew 5.8% to ₹38,849 crore in the reporting quarter against ₹36,697.5 crore in Q4FY24.

Expenses rose at a quicker pace of 8.6%, coming in at ₹37,328.7 crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2025. Share of material costs in total expenses grew 40 basis points to 74.7% in the reporting quarter, as per the investor presentation.

The company's share price dipped 1.81% on the BSE, closing at ₹11,685.90 a piece.

Higher overheads
The company cited new plant expenses, higher manufacturing overheads, adverse commodity prices and costlier advertisement as the factors that pulled down the margins.

Better FY25 sales
For FY25, MSIL posted a net profit of ₹13,955 crore up 5.6% on higher sales from products. The company sold cars worth ₹1,45,115.2 crore, 7.5% more than FY24.

Expenses, too, increased at a similar pace of 7.6%, coming at ₹1,37,467 crore for the year.

The board approved a dividend of ₹135 per share in 2024-2025 as against ₹125 a piece in the previous fiscal. The company's share price dipped 1.81% on the BSE, closing at ₹11,685.90 a piece.

LIC Housing Finance to cut lending rates by 25 basis points

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

LIC Housing Finance has decided to reduce its prime lending rate by 25-basis points effective from April 28.

The revised interest rates will start from 8%. The reduction will benefit both existing and new borrowers by making home loans more affordable.

"The interest rate cuts are in line with the RBI's decisions and current market scenario. We believe this move will boost consumer sentiments and stimulate housing demand, especially among the affordable homebuyers," MD and CEO Tribhuwan Adhikari said in a release on Friday.

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Gold retreats

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Gold prices retreated by ₹839 to ₹95,073 per 10 gm in futures trade as U.S. dollar strengthened amid potential de-escalation of the U.S.-China trade war.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	79,213	-0.74
US Dollar	85.41	-0.09
Brent oil	66.78	0.41

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2354.30	-88.20
Adani Ports	1193.00	-43.40
Apollo Hosp	6953.00	-206.50
Asian Paints	2431.60	-32.80
Axis Bank	1166.30	-40.80
Bajaj Auto	8034.00	-167.50
Bajaj Finserv	2045.50	-59.50
Bajaj Finance	9112.00	-189.00
Bharat Elec	297.60	-8.10
Bharti Airtel	1817.20	-28.40
Cipla	1525.90	-25.80
Coal India	393.15	-6.70
Dr Reddys Lab	1174.80	-25.70
Eicher Motors	5575.50	-75.00
Eternal Ltd.	228.81	-7.57
Grasim Ind	2734.80	5.60
HCL Tech	1578.20	-8.50
HDFC Bank	1911.20	-5.60
HDFC Life	704.55	-3.85
Hero MotoCorp	3895.50	-59.00
Hindalco	622.10	-6.25
Hind Unilever	2332.20	6.90
ICICI Bank	1404.80	2.10
IndusInd Bank	822.35	2.60
Infosys	1480.20	8.80
ITC	427.80	-2.25
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	253.05	-5.73
JSW Steel	1028.40	-16.10
Kotak Bank	2204.40	-18.60
L&T	3272.10	-28.50
M&M	2864.20	-37.20
Maruti Suzuki	11698.00	-196.00
NestleIndia	2413.50	-19.70
NTPC	356.45	-6.75
ONGC	246.33	-3.04
PowerGrid Corp	306.50	-7.90
Reliance Ind	1300.40	-1.20
SBI Life	1695.10	86.90
State Bank	798.65	-14.75
Shriram Finance Ltd.	655.20	-41.45
Sun Pharma	1787.40	-16.50
TataConsumerProduct	1155.70	-5.60
Tata Motors	655.25	-13.10
Tata Steel	138.85	-2.67
TCS	3448.00	46.40
Tech Mahindra	1462.00	16.80
Titan	3365.20	-17.40
Trent Ltd.	5145.00	-178.50
UltraTech Cement	12237.00	78.00
Wipro	240.90	-1.85

Opinion market advocates say it's a game of skill, face civil society opposition

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Real money gaming firms – an industry that allows users to risk money on fantasy sports, poker, rummy and so on – are dipping their toes into prediction markets, allowing users to wager on the outcome of real world events. With this new shift, firms like Probo are trying to emulate the legal successes of other firms whose offerings have been upheld as legitimate in courts.

In the past week, two papers argued that prediction markets (or "opinion trading") are skill-based activities.

If courts agree with this assessment – supported by an IIT Delhi professor-authored study commissioned by Probo and a policy paper by the Delhi-based Evam Law & Policy – then betting on real life events, long seen as a gambling, would instead be classified as gaming, hampering States' ability to curb such firms from soliciting bets from players.

New bets: Real money gaming firms are dipping into prediction, allowing users to wager on real world event outcomes. GETTY IMAGES

How it's structured
Prediction markets are structured in a straightforward way: two or more groups of people wager on whether an event will happen or not, and after the platform hosting the wager takes a cut, the pooled money is distributed to the group whose prediction comes true. For instance, Probo's opinion trading platform is accepting bets on the value of Bitcoin later in the day, whether the Dow Jones composite will reach a certain value, the outcome of the next Indian Premier League match, and even the result of a match in the Pakistan Super League, which is not even streamed in India.

In the Probo-commissioned paper co-authored with an employee of the company, Amitabha Bagchi, a professor of computer science at IIT Delhi, assessed that "opinion trading is a skill-based game," and said that data analysed from Probo supported this conclusion. The authors reasoned that characteristics that apply to games of skill – such as a "gradient" among users, with some outperforming others consistently, and of individual players getting better over time – apply to opinion trading.

A likely law?
The question is likely to be settled by legislation. While betting on sports directly is regulated by States (under the "betting and gambling" clause in the Constitution), at least three high courts have upheld the legality of daily fantasy sports, where players assemble their own rosters and teams, and real life performance impacts the outcome of their assembled rosters.

It remains to be seen whether prediction markets will withstand similar legal challenges. The Bombay High Court is hearing pleas against opinion trading. While, in March, the Supreme Court directed the Gujarat HC to reconsider a PIL on the matter that it had dismissed earlier. The New Indian Consumer Initiative (NICI), a civil society group, has urged the government to ban opinion trading outright.

"Opinion trading platforms often claim to foster skillful engagement, even though their core mechanics align more with betting and gambling for two primary reasons – unpredictable outcomes outside the control or influence of the user and binary decision making," NICI said in its representation.

"Real world events like elections or cricket matches are influenced by numerous uncontrollable factors, such as weather, voter turnout, or last-minute strategies and can lean on chance heavily. As a result, the feature of binary 'Yes/No' choice in decision-making can strip away the complexity of analysis, making outcomes akin to flipping a coin or chance."

Govt. notifies rules for GST appellate tribunals

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has notified the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, which provide for mandatory e-filing of applications and conducting hearings in a hybrid mode.

The rules also provide that any urgent matter filed by an applicant before 12 noon shall be listed before the Appellate Tribunal on the following working day, if the application is complete in all respects.

In exceptional cases, the application may be received after 12 noon but before 3 p.m. for listing on the following day.

Shriram Finance Q4 net up 10% as NII surges

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Shriram Finance Ltd. (SFL) standalone net profit increased 9.9% to ₹2,139 crore on higher interest income in quarter ended March 31. Analyst however expected net profit to come in at more than ₹2,242 crore.

Net Interest Income (NII) grew 13.4% to ₹6,051.19 crore in Q4 FY25 against ₹5,336 crore in the year-earlier period.

Net interest margin dipped to 8.25% in the quarter under review from 9.02%. Financing costs, however, rose at a faster clip of 31% to ₹5,224 crore.

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Raj.Samwad/C/25/1331 RVUN/PR-4185 Addl. Chief Engineer (O&M)

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-Tender Notice
O/o The Assistant Executive Engineer, Generation Sub Division, Poringalkuthu, Thrissur
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Name of Work: Poringalkuthu Left Bank Hydroelectric Project (PLB 4X9MW) - Providing Earthmat at Old 110 kV Yard Portion and interconnection of the same with the existing earthmat in the Extended New Yard Portion at Poringalkuthu 110kV Switchyad under Generation Circle, Thrissur.
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O/o The Assistant Executive Engineer, Electrical Sub Division, Chithirapuram, Idukki
E-tender ID: 2025_KSEB_758101, PAC: Rs. 75,71,711/-, Last date: 30.04.2025, 05.00 pm.
Name of Work: Construction, Conversion and Reconductoring of LT line using LT ABC, Covered conductor and ACSR Rabbit on TURN KEY basis at different locations under Electrical Division Adimaly – Dyuthi Special scheme LT work – Package 1.
Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and www.kseb.in Ref: PR/MC1/D241/E-Tender/2025

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Raj.Samwad/C/25/1322 Superintending Engineer and Project Manger

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OFFICE OF JET COORDINATOR
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DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
Delhi Transco Ltd (A Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking) intends to invite online tender for the following work:
Tender No.T24R220431 : Design, Engineering, Supply, Laying, Jointing , Testing and Commissioning of 220kV D/C U/G 1200 Sq.mm XLPE Cable for upcoming 220kV TSS of Northern Railway (at Tughlakabad) from 220kV Substation BTPS and Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 No. 220kV feeders for Northern Railways with associated civil work at 220kV Substation BTPS New Delhi (India) on Turnkey Basis.
For complete details of the tender please visit following website :- https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in **(Tender ID No. :2025_DTL_271172_1)** and www.delhitransco.gov.in with Unique No. **DTL-9575-240425.**
Last date for bid submission: **10.06.2025 at 1.30 P.M.**
All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/ Clarifications, if any, to the above e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

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252613 000594	Procurement of Debarked Acacia pulpwood from open market sources of Kerala to TNPL Unit-I at Kagithapuram.	10.05.2025
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252623 000245	Procurement of Debarked Eucalyptus pulpwood from open market sources of Andhra Pradesh to TNPL Unit-II at Mondipatti.	13.05.2025
Email	purchase.wood@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL website only. Detailed terms & conditions, etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from website : www.tnpl.com
DIPR/1686/Tender/2025 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

TEHRAN

Iran's FM Araghchi arrives in Oman ahead of nuclear talks with the U.S.

AFP

Iran's top diplomat Abbas Araghchi arrived in Oman for fresh nuclear talks with the U.S., following progress in earlier rounds. The third round includes technical experts from both sides, led by Mr. Araghchi and U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff. Talks aim to curb Iran's nuclear program amid U.S.'s threats of military action. AFP

SEOUL

Bribery indictment is 'political', says S. Korea's ex-President Moon

AP

Former South Korean President Moon Jae-in was indicted for bribery linked to his son-in-law's no-show job at a Thai airline from 2018-2020. Mr. Moon called the charges politically motivated and accused prosecutors of abusing power. The case follows a pattern of legal troubles for ex-leaders amid upcoming elections. REUTERS

BANGKOK

Six Thai police officers killed in plane crash during training drill

AFP

Six Thai police officers were killed when their small plane crashed into the sea near Prachuap Khiri Khan during a parachute training drill on Friday. Five died instantly, one later in hospital. The crash site was about 100 metres from shore. Authorities are examining the aircraft's black box data recorder to find the cause of the crash. AFP

WASHINGTON

Rubio to host signing of agreement between Rwanda and DR Congo

AFP

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Friday will host the signing of a "declaration of principles" between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, following a truce pledge. The agreement aims to promote peace, stability, and economic development, with U.S. interests in Congo's mineral sector. AFP

Crimea will stay with Russia, says Trump in snub to Kyiv

Russia 'had their submarines there for long before any period that we're talking about; the people speak largely Russian in Crimea', says Trump; U.S. envoy Witkoff met Putin in Moscow for talks

Associated Press
KYIV

U.S. President Donald Trump said in an interview published on Friday that "Crimea will stay with Russia," the latest example of the U.S. leader pressuring Ukraine to make concessions to end the war while it remains under siege.

"Zelenskyy understands that," Mr. Trump said, referring to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, "and everybody understands that it's been with them for a long time".

The U.S. President made the comments in a *Time* magazine interview conducted on Tuesday. Mr. Trump has been accusing Mr. Zelenskyy of prolonging the war by resisting negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Diplomatic meet: Vladimir Putin welcomes Steve Witkoff before a meeting amid peace deal efforts in Moscow on Friday. REUTERS

Crimea is a strategic peninsula along the Black Sea in southern Ukraine. It was seized by Russia in 2014, while U.S. President Barack Obama was in office, years before the full-scale invasion in 2022 began.

"They've had their submarines there for long before any period that we're talking about, for many years. The people speak largely Russian in Crimea," Mr. Trump said.

Mr. Trump's frustration is growing as his effort to forge a deal between Ukraine and Russia has failed to achieve a breakthrough. U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff met with Mr. Putin in Moscow on Friday, their second meeting this month and fourth since February.

Mr. Zelenskyy said on Friday that Crimea belongs to Ukraine and that his position had not changed after Mr. Trump's statements.

"Our position is unchanged: only the Ukrainian people have the right to decide which territories are Ukrainian," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

China to exempt some goods from U.S. tariffs

Reuters
BEIJING

China is considering exempting some U.S. imports from its 125% tariffs and is asking businesses to provide lists of goods that could be eligible in the biggest sign yet that Beijing is worried about the economic fallout from its trade war with Washington.

A Ministry of Commerce taskforce is collecting lists of items that could be exempted from tariffs and is asking companies to submit their own requests, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The exemptions signal that, like Washington, Beijing is deeply concerned about the economic pain rippling across the country as the world's two largest economies decouple.

China's top leaders vow to boost support for economy

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China's top leaders pledged on Friday to step up support for the economy and oppose "unilateral bullying" in global trade in a veiled rebuke of hefty tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump.

The world's two largest economies are engaged in a high-stakes trade war that has spooked markets and spurred major manufacturers to reconsider supply chains.

Leaders at a gathering of the Chinese Communist Party's top decision-making body focused on economic work, which was attended by President Xi Jinping, acknowledged that "the impact of external shocks is increasing", state news agency *Xinhua* reported. They also said they would seek to "work with the international community to actively uphold multilateralism and oppose unilateral bullying practices", it said.

Xi Jinping

The brutal trade war comes as China's economy strains under the weight of long-standing woes in the property sector and reluctance by consumers to pull out their wallets.

Leaders at the Politburo meeting discussed a range of domestic economic issues, emphasising the need to "enhance the role of consumption in stimulating economic growth", according to *Xinhua*. They also called for action to increase incomes and "vigorously develop service consumption", as well as the implementation of key rate cuts at "appropriate times".

The readout of the meeting "shows the government is ready to launch new policies when the economy is affected by the external shock", Zhiwei Zhang, President and Chief Economist of Pinpoint Asset Management, wrote in a note.

Experts say the Chinese economy will need to depend more on domestic consumption in order to sustain growth through coming years. Beijing is targeting annual growth this year of 5%, although economists consider that goal to be ambitious.

Trump to ramp up deep-sea mining; China slams move

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump has defied international norms and instructed a quick start to deep-sea mining in domestic waters and beyond, sparking an angry warning from Beijing that the move "violates international law".

Washington wants to lead efforts to scoop up mineral-rich deep-sea nodules and other material from the seabed, sidestepping an international regulatory effort and overriding the concerns of environmentalists.

White House aides say it could pump hundreds of billions of dollars into the American economy, and counter Beijing's chokehold on key minerals. But it would also undermine decades of efforts by global regulators at the International Seabed Authority to devise a level playing field and environmental protections for the industry.

Probe under way in Moscow as senior Russian military officer killed in car blast

Reuters
MOSCOW

A senior Russian military officer was killed when a car exploded on Friday in the town of Balashikha just east of Moscow, Russia's Investigative Committee said.

It named the officer as Yaroslav Moskalik, deputy head of the Main Operations Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, and said it had opened a criminal case into the incident.

Investigators work the scene where Lt. Gen. Yaroslav Moskalik was killed in Balashikha, just outside Moscow on Friday. AP

"According to available data, the explosion occurred as a result of the detonation of a homemade explosive device filled with destructive elements," the Investigative Committee said in a statement.

The statement did not say who might be behind the incident.

Russian media outlet *Baza*, which has sources in Russia's law enforcement agencies, said a bomb in a parked car had been detonated remotely when the officer – who lived locally – walked past. A second person was also killed.

Moskalik, who held the rank of major general, had participated in several high-level Russian delegations, according to Defence Ministry bulletins and media reports.

Toll from Israeli strike on north Gaza home rises to 23

Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY

Gaza's civil defence agency reported on Friday that the death toll from an Israeli air strike the day before on a house in the north of the Palestinian territory had risen to 23.

"Civil defence teams recovered 11 bodies last night and this morning following the Israeli bombing that targeted a residential house ... in Jabalia," said Mohammed al-Mughayyir, an official with the agency.

"This is in addition to the 12 victims recovered at the time of the attack yesterday," he added.

Gaza's northern area of Jabalia has been a focus Israel's military offensive since the start of the war on October 7, 2023 following Hamas's attack on Israel. The military has returned several times after announcing it had been cleared of militants, saying Hamas fighters had regrouped there.

Sport

Kapil terms golf as a true inclusive sport

Debosmita Maity
BENGALURU

The legendary Kapil Dev stated that golf was one of the few really inclusive sports in today's landscape.

"It's true inclusiveness," said Kapil, at the inauguration of Kapil Dev Grant-Thornton Invitational at the Prestige Golfshire Club in the city's outskirts on Thursday.

"Among physical sports, this is the only game where men and women can compete from the same point, and women can beat the men and men can beat the women.

"It's one of the few sports where people of any calibre, any age can play together. So an eight-year-old, an 80-year-old, a male professional golfer, a female professional golfer, a business person who has just started playing could all play together and have a good enjoyable round."

New initiative: Kapil Dev at the inauguration of the Kapil Dev Grant-Thornton Invitational at the Prestige Golfshire Club in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Game for the masses

Kapil, who is also the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), stressed that golf was never meant to be a game only for the rich and that it should be a game for the masses.

He also said that sponsors' support was essential for all sports, not just golf.

"Without money, nothing is possible. Sponsors are indeed the real backbone of any sport."

The Kapil Dev-Grant Thornton Invitational is a three-day, 54-hole championship which will see some of India's top male and female professionals compete for a prize purse of ₹2 crore.

Manikanta left out of 100m despite making the cut for Asian athletics championships

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Despite achieving the qualification standard and finishing third in the National Federation athletics championships which concluded here on Thursday, sprinter Manikanta Hoblidhar does not find a place in the 100m in the Indian team for next month's Asian championships in Gumi, South Korea.

Karnataka's Manikanta had broken the 100m meet record in the semifinal, clocking 10.25s which is also the qualification standard set by the Athletics Federation of India for the Asians but the selectors were not impressed.

"Had he finished first or second, he would have been considered," explained National chief coach Radhakrishnan Nair after the team was announced here on Friday.

"We have also not included Gurindervir Singh who clocked 10.20s (breaking the national record) in the recent Indian Grand Prix in Bengaluru because he finished last in the Federation Nationals (with 11.21)."

World champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who will be in action in the Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru on May 24, will not be going for the Asian championships which begin on May 27.

Asian and Asian Games champion Tajinderpal Singh Toor is one of the prominent names missing in the list. The former Asian record-holder suffered his first loss in nearly eight years finishing second in the Federation Nationals with 18.77m (AFI's Asian qualification standard: 19.1m).

The Indian team: Men: 200m: Animesh Kujur; **800m:** Anu Kumar, Krishan Kumar; **1500m:** Yoonus Shah; **3000m steeplechase:** Avinash Sable; **5000m:** Gulveer Singh, Abhishek Pal; **10,000m:** Gulveer Singh, Sawan Barwal; **triple jump:** Praveen Chithravel, Abdulla Aboobacker; **high jump:** Sarvesh Kushare; **shot put:** Samardeep Singh Singh; **javelin throw:** Sachin Yadav, Yashvir Singh; **decathlon:** Tejaswin Shankar; **20km race walk:** Servin Sebastian, Amit; **4x100m relay:** Pranav Pramod Gurav, Animesh Kujur, Manikanta Hoblidhar, Amlan Borgohain, S. Tamilarasu, G. Ragul Kumar, Gurindervir Singh; **4x400m relay:** T.K. Vishal, Jay Kumar, T.S. Manu, Rince Joseph, Dharamveer Chaudhary, Tushar Manna, Santosh Kumar, Mohit Kumar.

Women: 200m: Nithya Gandhe; **400m:** Rupal Chaudhary, Vithya Ramraj; **800m:** Twinkle Chaudhary, Pooja; **1500m:** Lili Das, Pooja; **3000m steeplechase:** Parul Chaudhary, Ankita; **5000m:** Sanjivani Jadhav, Parul Chaudhary; **10000m:** Sanjivani Jadhav, Seema; **100m hurdles:** Jyothi Yarraji; **400m hurdles:** Vithya Ramraj, R. Anu; **long jump:** Shaili Singh, Ancy Sojan; **high jump:** Pooja; **discus throw:** Seema; **javelin throw:** Annu Rani; **heptathlon:** Agasara Nandini; **4x100m relay:** Nithya Gandhe, Abhinaya Rajarajan, S.S. Sneha, Srabani Nanda, A.T. Daneshwari, V Sudeeksha; **4x400m relay:** Rupal, K. Sneha, Subha Venkatesan, Jisna Mathew, Kunja Rajitha, Sandramol Sabu.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

Dhoni plays 400th T20 match, becomes fourth Indian to do so

R. RAGU

M.S. Dhoni played his 400th T20 match on Friday during the IPL clash against SRH in Chennai. Beginning with a T20I against South Africa at Johannesburg in 2006, he has also featured for Jharkhand, CSK and Rising Pune Supergiant. He is the fourth Indian after Rohit Sharma, Dinesh Karthik and Virat Kohli to play 400 T20s.

GO FOR IT

Moeen hopes KKR batters will be aggressive against Chahal

K.R. DEEPAK

The guys would have played (Yuzvendra) Chahal many times and done well against him. He had a brilliant day (against KKR), we didn't play him well. But there are two ways to go, you either think that he is going to destroy you again or you take him on a bit more, so hopefully we will do the latter — Moeen Ali.

ON THE MONEY

RCB hero Hazlewood calls Jitesh a 'genius' for exceptional review

K. MURALI KUMAR

Jitesh (Sharma) is a genius. He has done a few for me throughout the tournament. One with MI with the leg-before, and that one tonight (Thursday) — RCB pacer Josh Hazlewood about the review which resulted in RR's Dhruv Jurel getting out for a 34-ball 47 after a faint edge to the wicketkeeper at a critical juncture of the chase.

BRIGHT FUTURE

Priyansh is one of the finds of the season, feels Joshi

R.V. MOORTHY

Priyansh Arya is one of the finds of the season for Punjab Kings and for the IPL. When we were looking at the domestic talent, that's when we got to know about his talent. I am sure that in the coming years, he will represent the country — PBKS spin-bowling coach Sunil Joshi.

Harshal, Kishan and Mendis shine as Sunrisers break Chepauk jinx

The Hyderabad outfit keeps its slim playoff hopes alive with a gritty win in a tricky chase; the defeat effectively ends Super Kings' campaign; youngsters Mhatre and Brevis shine for the host before the latter's dismissal, thanks to a blinder on the boundary, triggers a collapse

IPL-18

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Sometimes when it rains, it pours. Chennai Super Kings once took pride in making the MAC Stadium a fortress. Opponents had struggled for years to breach the hallowed turf.

However, 2025 has been an annus horribilis for Super Kings. Royal Challengers Bengaluru won a game here after 17 years, while Delhi Capitals (formerly Delhi Daredevils) won here for the first time after 2010. On Friday, it was the turn of Sunrisers Hyderabad to taste its first-ever victory against CSK at Chepauk, when it beat the five-time champion by five wickets and effectively ended the home team's IPL campaign.

Chasing 155, Sunrisers were made to work hard, but Ishan Kishan's well-composed 44 at the top and Kamindu Mendis' cameo (32 n.o.) towards the end helped Pat Cummins' men get their third win of the season.

Despite defending a modest total, Super Kings had their moments after Anshul Kamboj and Khaleel Ahmed ensured SRH only managed 37 for two in the PowerPlay.

And when Ravindra Jadeja had Heinrich Klaasen with the total reading 54 for three in the ninth over, CSK would have fancied its chances.

However, M.S. Dhoni's surprising decision to trust Sam Curran for two overs proved costly as the seamer conceded 25 runs, which swung the momentum towards the visitor. On a tricky pitch, Kishan took calculated risks, punishing Curran and Noor Ahmad when they erred.

Audacious: Brevis sparkled on his debut for Super Kings. R. RAGU

Pulling his weight: Harshal claimed four to keep Super Kings to a modest total. R. RAGU

Mendis, along with Nitish Kumar Reddy, added 49 for the unbroken sixth-wicket partnership to guide Sunrisers home.

Earlier, the Chennai outfit squandered a good start and was bowled out for 154. The Men in Yellow managed 50 in the Power-Play and more than doubled the score in the next six overs.

However, Harshal Patel (4-0-28-4) produced a fine bowling effort through his judicious use of slow cutters to derail the host's innings.

Dewald Brevis (42), on his CSK debut, broke free in the 12th over when he launched Mendis for three sixes, helping his side get past 100.

But once Harshal dismissed the South African batter – Mendis pulled off a blinder while diving full length to his left at long-off – CSK crumbled, losing the next five wickets for 40 runs, and the total proved inadequate.

SCOREBOARD

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
Shaik Rasheed c Abhishek b Shami 0 *(1b)*, Ayush Mhatre c Kishan b Cummins 30 *(19b, 6x4)*, Sam Curran c Aniket b Harshal 9 *(10b, 1x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja b Mendis 21 *(17b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Dewald Brevis c Mendia b Harshal 42 *(25b, 1x4, 4x6)*, Shivam Dube c Abhishek b Unadkat 12 *(9b, 2x4)*, Deepak Hooda c Abhishek b Unadkat 22 *(21b, 1x4, 1x6)*, M.S. Dhoni c Abhishek b Harshal 6 *(10b, 1x4)*, Anshul Kamboj **(Impact Player for Dube)** c Klaasen b Cummins 2 *(4b)*, Noor Ahmad c Shami b Harshal 2 *(3b)*, Khaleel Ahmed (not out) 1 *(2b)*; Extras (lb-3, nb-2, w-2): 7; Total (in 19.5 overs): 154.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Rasheed, 0.1 overs), 2-39 (Curran, 4.3), 3-47 (Mhatre, 5.3), 4-74 (Jadeja, 9.3), 5-114 (Brevis, 12.5), 6-118 (Dube, 13.5), 7-131 (Dhoni, 16.3), 8-134 (Kamboj, 17.3), 9-137 (Noor, 18.1).

SUNRISERS BOWLING
Shami 3-0-28-1, Cummins 4-0-21-2, Unadkat 2.5-0-21-2, Harshal 4-0-28-4, Zeeshan 3-0-27-0, Mendis 3-0-26-1.

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
Abhishek Sharma c Mhatre b Khaleel 0 *(2b)*, Travis Head **(Impact Player for Zeeshan)** b Kamboj 19 *(16b, 4x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Curran b Noor 44 *(34b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Heinrich Klaasen c Hooda b Jadeja 7 *(8b, 1x4)*, Aniket Verma c Hooda b Noor 19 *(19b, 2x6)*, Kamindu Mendis (not out) 32 *(22b, 3x4)*, Nitish Kumar (not out) 19 *(13b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-2, nb-2, w-11): 15; Total (for five wkts. in 18.4 overs): 155.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Abhishek, 0.2), 2-37 (Head, 5.3), 3-54 (Klaasen, 8.1), 4-90 (Kishan, 11.6), 5-106 (Aniket, 13.5).

SUPER KINGS BOWLING
Khaleel 3-0-21-1, Kamboj 3-0-16-1, Noor 4-0-42-2, Jadeja 3.4-0-22-1, Curran 2-0-25-0, Pathirana 3-0-27-0.

Toss: SRH.
PoM: Harshal.
SRH won by five wickets with eight balls to spare.

Next assignment

CSK: April 30 vs PBKS *Chennai, 7.30 p.m.*
SRH: May 2 vs GT *Ahmedabad, 7.30 p.m.*

'Hard to say we got the auction strategy right'

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
CHENNAI

Head coach Stephen Fleming opened up about Chennai Super Kings' dismal IPL 2025 season, saying the team probably got its auction strategy wrong.

"It's hard to say that we've got it [auction strategy] completely right. We have been looking in detail at our performances and our style of play. We are also looking at how the game is evolving, and it's not easy. That's why we're proud of our [overall] record. We've been able to be consistent for so long, and it doesn't take much for it to go the other way," said Fleming after CSK's five-wicket loss against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Friday.

"The other teams have got better... that's the point of the auction. But we just haven't been able to get it right and you have to take responsibility from the top down. You then just ask a little bit more from the players," he added.

"The auction has to be an area where we need to reflect upon and say it wasn't as good as it could have been... it hasn't worked out how we wanted, but it's also not rocket science.

"The auction is a very different beast... it's like buying 25 houses and you come away from it mentally and, sometimes, physically exhausted. To be fair, I still think we've got a good squad and we're not far away.

"We have had a couple of key injuries, a bit of lack of form and struggled to nail a gameplan. We have chopped and changed too much, trying to look for something that was not there".

KKR eager to revive campaign as it faces PBKS

Cool customers: KKR's Russell, Gurbaz, Moeen and Narine in a relaxed frame of mind. K.R. DEEPAK

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

It's high time Kolkata Knight Riders shook off its batting woes in order to get its Indian Premier League campaign back on track.

More than avenging its defeat, defending champion KKR, struggling with just three wins in eight matches, will be eager to arrest the slide and lift its morale when it meets Punjab Kings at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

Today's match

Kolkata, 7.30 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 34
KKR 21 | PBKS 13

PREVIOUS MEETING
PBKS won by **16 runs**, 2025

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Poor batting

KKR has lost two games on the trot, including the last one against Gujarat Titans at the Eden Gardens, primarily due to the batters' poor show.

The host will hope that apart from captain Ajinkya Rahane (271 runs) and youngster Angkrish Raghuvanshi (197), other batters, including Venkatesh Iyer and Rinku Singh, also shine on a flat track.

KKR may think of replacing a misfiring Andre Russell with fellow Caribbean Rovman Powell. But striking the right balance will take priority over other factors.

The KKR bowlers, including pacers Harshit Rana (11 wickets) and Vaibhav Arora (9) and spinners Varun Chakaravarthy (10) and Sunil Narine (7), have done a decent job.

After its defeat to Royal Challengers Bengaluru, PBKS, led by former KKR skipper Shreyas Iyer, will be keen to bounce back and record its sixth victory. Its batting, comprising Shreyas (263), rookie Priyansh Arya (254), Prabhsimran Singh (209) and Nehal Wadhera (189), has served the side well.

Despite its limited resources, the PBKS bowling attack consisting of Arshdeep Singh (11), Yuzvendra Chahal (9) and Marco Jansen (8) has helped the team record crucial victories.

Metronomic Hazlewood, Bengaluru's go-to man

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

When Royal Challengers Bengaluru is in desperate need of a breakthrough, they turn to Josh Hazlewood.

A four-wicket haul against Rajasthan Royals on Thursday showed the match-winning prowess of the Aussie speedster.

Having realised that the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium pitch offers extra bounce and carry from a hard length, a relentless Hazlewood honed in.

As a result, the 34-year-old played a big part in RCB recording a first win at home.

His first victim came in the sixth over, when RR opener Yashasvi Jaiswal was going great guns.

The southpaw opener had smashed his way to a 19-ball 49, and threatened to take the game away from RCB. A clever change of angle from around the wicket surprised Jaiswal, who fell out of shape and spooned a catch.

Hazlewood showed his magic once again in his second spell. RCB was in a tight spot, with RR needing 46 runs from the last four overs.

The Australian prised out Shimron Hetmyer, and put RR on the backfoot by conceding just six runs from the over.

Hazlewood saved the best for last, when he effectively sealed the game by dismissing last hope Dhruv Jurel and Jofra Archer in a brilliant 19th over.

RCB head coach and former Zimbabwe captain Andy Flower showered praise on a "world-class bowler".

"Hazlewood's last two overs went for seven runs, and he took three wickets. He's a class operator, a world-class bowler.

"He is great under pressure in any format of the game. He thinks clearly and he's got great skill. He's known for his heavy length bowling, but he has got great all-round skills.

"He mixes yorkers, wide yorkers, slower balls... he knows what type of ball to bowl at the right time," Flower said at the post-match press conference.

On the prowl: Hazlewood produced a death overs masterclass to derail Royals. K. MURALI KUMAR

Points table

	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Gujarat Titans	8	6	2	12	1.104
Delhi Capitals	8	6	2	12	0.657
Royal Challengers	9	6	3	12	0.482
Mumbai Indians	9	5	4	10	0.673
Punjab Kings	8	5	3	10	0.177
Lucknow Super Giants	9	5	4	10	-0.054
Kolkata Knight Riders	8	3	5	6	0.212
Sunrisers Hyderabad	9	3	6	6	-1.103
Rajasthan Royals	9	2	7	4	-0.625
Chennai Super Kings	9	2	7	4	-1.302

** Till the CSK-SRH match on April 25*

INBRIEF

APRC — Karna Kadur takes a slender lead

Reigning National champion Karna Kadur set the early pace and took a slender lead in the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) after two loops of the short Super Special Stage which kick-started the Indu Chandhok Memorial 48th South India Rally at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Provisional results (winners only, leg-1, section-1): FIA APRC/ Overall: Karna Kadur & Musa Sherif (Arka Motorsports) 2m, 50.9s). **INRC 1:** Kadur & Sherif; INRC 2: Jason Saldanha & P. V. Srinivasa Murthy (Arka Motorsports) 02:51.4. **INRC 3:** Seshank Jamwal & Raghu (Pvt.) 02:56.2. **INRC 3T (turbo):** Jeet Jhabhak & V. Sekar (Pvt.) 03:00.0. **Women: INRC:** Anushriya Gulati & Karan Aukta (Arka Motorsports) 03:02.6. **FMSCI Gypsy Challenge:** Akash Sundar & Arjun Dheerendra (03:19.7). **FMSCI Classic Challenge:** Siddhartha Santhosh & Sawan Satyanarayan (Pvt.) 03:14.8.

LIVE TELECAST

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.
IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Joshua Cheptegei is back to where it all began

The city of Bengaluru and the TCS World 10K holds great significance to the current 5,000m and 10,000m world record holder from Uganda

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Launchpad: Cheptegei says the 2014 edition opened opportunities for him leading to multiple Olympic medals. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The city of Bengaluru and the TCS World 10K holds great significance to Joshua Cheptegei. It was in 2014 when a young Cheptegei travelled to these parts, in what was his first overseas trip. He competed hard in the international elite men's field, and finished a creditable second behind his mentor, Geoffrey Kamworor.

That showing gave him immense confidence going into the 2014 World junior athletics championships, where he claimed the 10,000m gold.

The Ugandan then went to have a stellar senior career, studded with two Olympic golds (2020 Tokyo 5,000m, and 2024 Paris 10,000m). Cheptegei is also the current 5,000m and 10,000m world record holder.

Now back to compete in the TCS World 10K after a gap of 11 years, Cheptegei turned nostalgic when asked about his maiden appearance in Bengaluru.

"The 2014 TCS World 10K was the starting point for me – it opened opportunities for me. After that run, I was a changed person. I could mentally focus and chase my dreams. I was fully determined to conquer the world," Cheptegei said here on Friday.

The 28-year-old has now left the track behind to focus on road races. "My priority is more on the roads. I think I've done a lot on the track, and maybe it's time for me to move on.

"In this next chapter of my career, I felt that I needed to go back to Bengaluru and start over again. I hope that this second half of my career turns out great, and that is why I wanted that good feeling I get in Bengaluru," Cheptegei said.

Cheptegei rated the 2024 Olympics 10,000m gold as a career highlight. Having claimed silver in the event in the previous edition, Cheptegei was solely focused on grabbing the top prize at Paris.

"It was so surprising that I had never won an Olympic title in the 10,000m because that is my best event.

"I was not going to end my track career happily without winning the 10,000m. I went to Paris with one goal – win the 10,000m gold, not any other medal," Cheptegei said.

Atletico thumps Rayo Vallecano

Rising high: Gallagher towers over the Vallecano defence to head in Atletico's second. REUTERS

LALIGA

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Atletico Madrid cruised to a 3-0 La Liga win over Rayo Vallecano on Thursday.

Real Betis bolstered its Champions League ambitions with a 5-1 win over Real Valladolid, confirming the visitors' long-expected relegation.

Atletico has little to play for in the rest of the season with leader Barcelona 10 points clear with five matches remaining, but produced a solid derby display.

Alexander Sorloth opened the scoring in the third minute after Giuliano Simeone, son of coach Diego, crossed for the Norwegian target man to nod home at the back post.

Sorloth spurned another headed opportunity before Conor Gallagher struck just before halftime. Alvarez rounded off the win in the second half with his 15th LaLiga goal of the season.

The results: Leganes 1 (Munir 90+2) drew with Girona 1 (Stuani 54); Osasuna 1 (Garcia 25) bt Sevilla 0; Atletico Madrid 3 (Sorloth 3, Gallagher 45, Alvarez 77) bt Rayo Vallecano 0; Real Betis 5 (Rodriguez 17, Hernandez 64, Isco 66, Perraud 84, Abde 90) bt Valladolid 1 (Chuki 41).

Bagan takes on Blasters; Goa meets Punjab

SUPER CUP

Joan Mathew Jacob
BHUBANESWAR

Confident bunch: Blasters sent holder East Bengal packing in their opening game. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) will begin its quest to finish the season with a third piece of silverware when it takes on Kerala Blasters FC (KBFC) in the Kalinga Super Cup quarterfinal at the Kalinga Stadium here on Saturday.

It will be MBSG's first appearance in this edition of the Super Cup after its round-of-16 opponent, Churchill Brothers FC Goa, withdrew from the tournament. Moreover, the Mariners' squad will be notably missing the services of its six foreign players, who have been rested after a taxing season.

"This tournament we are treating as an exposure for the young guys, and find out how they can perform in the long run," MBSG assistant coach Bastab Roy said at the prematch press conference.

On the other hand, KBFC head coach David Catala had a perfect start to his stint as his side beat defending champion East Bengal 2-0 in its opening match.

However, he warned his players to focus on the game at hand instead of dreaming of a maiden trophy for the club.

"To start thinking about trophies right now is, for me, it's not right. We need to just focus on the task tomorrow," Catala said.

Later in the day, Manolo Marquez's hope of finishing his tenure as FC Goa coach with a trophy will face a stern challenge when his side takes on Punjab FC in the second quarterfinal.

Both Goa and Punjab are coming off convincing 3-0 wins against Gokulam Kerala FC and Odisha FC, respectively.

Goa is the only side remaining in the competition that can win it for a second time, having won the Cup in 2019.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Angad Cheema takes a one-shot lead

Angad Cheema fired a flawless eight-under 64 to surge into a one-shot lead at a total of 14-under 130 in round two of the Kapil Dev-Grant Thornton Invitational 2025 at the Prestige Golfshire.

Angad (66, 64), who was three shots off the lead in tied fourth place after the first round, gained three spots on Friday after his second-round effort in the 54-hole event.

Abhinav Lohan (66-65) produced a 65 to end the day in second place at 13-under 131 while Khalin Joshi (65-67) carded a 67 to be a further stroke behind in third.

Twenty-year-old Hitaashee Bakshi (69-65) came up with an error-free 65 to be the highest-placed among the lady professionals, tied as she was for fifth at 10-under 134.

Hat-trick by Thalia

Thalia Sha scored a hat-trick as Shlok HC overcame V. Raja HC 5-3 in the KSHA-BHA Super Division Hockey League on Friday.

The results: Shlok 5 (Thalia Sha 27, 47, 55, Love Kumar 42, K.M. Yeshwanth 56) bt V. Raja 3 (V. Raja 28, 58, Balaji 39); RWF SA 3 (Ranjeeth 25, 52, Deekshith 28) bt Hindustan Friends Club 1 (Y. Anand 21).

Charish slams century

Charish top-scored with 126 as RCA (Mysuru) thrashed Panthers CA by 99 runs in the Tiger Cup (under-16) tournament on Friday.

The scores: RCA (Mysuru) 262/6 in 27 overs (Charish 126, Yashwant Gowda 43, G. Shamanth Rao 30) bt Panthers 163/8 in 27 overs (Sujan Gunapal 54, A.S. Aarav 3/34).

The School of Cricket 140/9 in 30 overs (Anirudh Rayasam 34, P. Anjani Kumar 34, Ayushmaan Vadula 3/23) bt RXCA 141/6 in 22.2 overs (Siddharth Sarda 31).

Samprasiddi 213/5 in 29 overs (Shrehaan Chauhan 67, N. Bhuvan Tejas 49, Sanjith Satish 25) bt Kapil 203/9 in 29 overs (Puneeth Gowda 62, C. Nithin 50, Aayush Jain 25).

Play Smart 125/7 in 28 overs (Suvik Gill 30) bt Max Muller 87 in 24.2 overs (R.K. Shwetansh 32, Athreya Bhat 25, Nikhil S. Gowda 3/9).

Snipers posts win

Snipers FC defeated Blitz FC 5-3 in the BDFA Urbanrise A-division football league championship on Friday.

The results: A-Div.: FC Deccan 4 (P. Shain 49, Gangang Lung Gangmei 58, M. Vinay 79, Hijam Santhoi Singh 82) bt Sree Gajanana 1 (Nagarajan Sakthivel 13); Snipers (KSFA) 5 (Abhil A. Thanagattil 45, V.P. Shahil 45+2, S. Pranaav 44-og, Amal Suresh 47, Nikhil Menon 63) bt Blitz 3 (Tenzin Woeser 41, Mrunal Gowda 58, 78).

C-div.: IISC 2 (Wanghshitem Jen Ozukum 22, 43) bt Bangalore Yellows 0.

KSFA C-div.: Balaharkha drew with Garden City 0-0; Gopalan bt Crystal 2-0; Yelahanka-B bt Raman 1-0; Technico bt Ronaldo 2-1.